

## Wave of pipe bombs targets Democrats, CNN in terror-by-mail

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WASHINGTON (AP) — A wave of pipe-bomb attacks by mail targeted Hillary Clinton, former President Barack Obama, other prominent Democrats and CNN but was thwarted without physical harm in an anxiety-filled day that deepened political tensions and fears two weeks before national midterm elections.

None of the bombs detonated Wednesday as law enforcement took them away for examination and disposal.

The first crude bomb to be discovered had been delivered Monday to the suburban New York compound of George Soros, a liberal billionaire and major contributor to Democratic causes.



New York City Police Dept. officers arrive outside the Time Warner Center, in New York, Wednesday, Oct. 24, 2018. A police bomb squad was sent to CNN's offices in New York City and the newsroom was evacuated because of a suspicious package.

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Broward Sheriff's Office bomb squad, Sunrise Police and Fire Rescue work the scene where a suspicious package was found Wednesday, Oct. 24, 2018, inside the Sunrise Utility Administrative Center in Sunrise, Fla., where Congresswoman Debbie Wasserman Schultz's office is located inside.

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The FBI said an additional package was intended for former Attorney General Eric Holder but that one ended up at a Florida office of Democratic Rep. Deborah Wasserman

Schultz, whose return address was on it.

The targets of the bombs were some of the figures most frequently criticized by President Donald Trump, who still assails Clinton at rallies while supporters chant "lock her up" — two

years after he defeated her and she largely left the political scene. Trump accuses Soros of paying protesters and singles out cable news network CNN as he rails against the "fake news" media.

The attacks overtook other news in an already-tense political season that could reshape Congress and serve as a referendum on the first two years of Trump's presidency. The actions, which caused panicked building evacuations and reports of additional explosives that later proved unfounded, are bound to add to fears that overheated rhetoric could lead to deadly violence as the parties engage in bitter fights over immigration, the Supreme Court and the treatment of women.

The White House condemned the attacks aimed at Democrats and other

perceived foes of the administration.

"Acts or threats of political violence have no place in the United States," Trump said. "This egregious conduct is abhorrent."

Other Republican leaders said the same. But Democratic Senate and House leaders Chuck Schumer of New York and Nancy Pelosi of California said such words "ring hollow" when coming from Trump. They noted the president's recent praise of a GOP congressman who body-slammed a reporter among other Trump statements.

Law enforcement officials said all the packages were similar: manila envelopes with bubble-wrap interior bearing six stamps and the return address of Florida Rep. Schultz. She is the former chairwoman of the Democratic National Committee who was accused by Clinton rivals of secretly helping the party's eventual presidential nominee. The package intended for Holder had the wrong address and was forwarded to Wasserman Schultz. The devices all were sent to an FBI lab in Virginia to be studied. Officials provided no details on a possible suspect or motive.

"Suffice it to say, it appears an individual or individuals sent out multiple, similar packages," said John Miller, the New York Police Department's head of intelligence and counterterrorism, who briefed reporters. The U.S. Secret Service intercepted a bomb that was addressed to Hillary Clinton at the Chappaqua, New York, home she shares with former President Bill Clinton, and another that was sent to Obama at his home in Washington. A police bomb squad removed still another from CNN's New York office, which was evacuated. The CNN package was addressed to former CIA Director John Brennan, who has publicly clashed with Trump and is a regular television contributor.

Overhead TV shots showed a truck carrying that device being driven away. The package sent to CNN contained a live explosive, with wires and a black pipe, and an envelope

with white powder, officials said. The powder was being tested.

Democratic Rep. Maxine Waters of California said her Washington office, too, was the target of a suspicious package, though it wasn't immediately clear if that device was related to the others. An FBI statement Wednesday afternoon did not include Waters, whom the president has denigrated as a "low-IQ individual," among the intended targets.

New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo said his office received a similar package, but New York police officials said the office was cleared and no device was found.

Cuomo said at a briefing that "we will not allow these terrorist thugs to change the way we live our lives."

Neither Clinton nor Obama received the packages sent to them, and neither was at risk because of screening procedures, the Secret Service said.

White House press secretary Sarah Sanders said in a statement, "These terrorizing acts are despicable, and anyone responsible will be held accountable to the fullest extent of the law."

But while stopping short of blaming Trump's rhetoric for inspiring the attacks, Jeff Zucker, the president of CNN Worldwide, contended there was a "total and complete lack of understanding at the White House about the seriousness of their continued attacks on the media."

"The president, and especially the White House press secretary, should understand their words matter. Thus far, they have shown no comprehension of that," he said.

Hillary Clinton was attending campaign events for Democrats in Florida and was not at the family's New York residence when the bomb was intercepted. But Bill Clinton was at the family's Chappaqua home, said a person familiar with his schedule. The person said the device was screened at a Westchester County facility — not near their residence — and never reached the Clintons' home. □

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# AP-NORC/MTV Poll: Young people back single-payer health care

By JUANA SUMMERS

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Large majorities of young Americans want to see an expansion of government services, including a single-payer health care program, according to a new poll by The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research and MTV.

According to the poll, 69 percent of young Americans between the ages of 15 and 34 favor a national health plan, known as a single-payer program. Eighty-eight percent of young Democrats and 40 percent of young Republicans favor a government-run health insurance program, according to the poll. Roughly two-thirds of young independents are in favor.

Young Americans called health care a very important issue in deciding how to vote. Sixty-two percent of those who will be old enough to vote in the midterms rated it as such. That's the most who said the same of any issue in the poll, including immigration and the economy.

Thirty-three-year-old Jasmine Miller, of Detroit, said

that she pays \$800 a month for health insurance to cover herself and her son. Miller, who describes herself as a humanitarian, said that health care is among the issues she cares about most. "It should be a universal standard for health care," said Miller, who prefers Democrats. "If we do have to pay deductibles, at least let our premiums be lower." Christopher Edwards, 28, of Columbia, Missouri, said health care was among the most important issues for him as he looks ahead to the midterms.

"People sometimes get sick, and sometimes medicine is what they need," said Edwards, who described himself as a moderate Democrat.

Majorities of young Americans also favor other types of expansion of government service, including free public college and trade school. Sixty-six percent of young Americans say they support free public college tuition. Seventy-nine percent of young Democrats and 39 percent of young Republicans are in favor. Among independents, 72



In the April 26, 2017 file photo, supporters of single-payer health care march to the Capitol in Sacramento, Calif.

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percent said they supported free tuition.

Younger people typically do not turn out for midterm elections in great numbers. According to the new poll, more than half of young voters say voting in the upcoming midterms is very important, but just 32 percent of those who will be old enough say they're certain to cast a ballot.

Jannette Ramirez, 27, of Winter Haven, Florida, said she would "probably" vote in November's elections,

but she was unsure how much impact her vote would have.

"I can vote all day long, every day, 30 times a day and still my opinion wouldn't matter," said Ramirez, who described herself as a political moderate.

Liberal Democrats are more excited than other young people about participating in the political process, according to the poll. Seventy-six percent said they are reading and watching news about No-

vember's elections, compared with 58 percent of young Americans overall. Similarly, 71 percent of liberal young Democrats called voting in the midterms very important, compared with 54 percent of young Americans overall.

Miller, who is a tax preparer, said that while she will absolutely vote in November's election, she's frustrated by the tone of politics today.

"It's more like a big high school argument," she said. □

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# Report: Agencies blindsided by Trump immigration order



In this June 22, 2018 file photo, President Donald Trump listens during an event on immigration alongside family members affected by crime committed by undocumented immigrants, at the South Court Auditorium on the White House complex in Washington.

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By **RICARDO ALONSO-ZALDIVAR**

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Federal immigration and health officials were blindsided by President Donald Trump's "zero tolerance" policy on migrants crossing the southwest border, triggering a cascade of problems as agencies struggled with the fallout from family separations, congressional investigators said in a critical report issued Wednesday.

The investigation by the nonpartisan Government Accountability Office dissects the consequences of launching a major policy change without consulting with the agencies that have to carry it out. The report makes no recommendations as it reconstructs a turbulent episode for the Trump administration.

With the White House considering tougher immigration measures as a caravan of migrants slowly heads north from Central Ameri-

ca, the GAO report stands as a cautionary tale.

"Officials told us that the agencies did not take specific planning steps because they did not have advance notice," the GAO found. "Officials we interviewed stated that they became aware of the April 2018 ('zero-tolerance') memo when it was announced publicly."

On April 6, Trump issued an executive order directing an end to "catch and release" at the border, a practice whereby migrants could be admitted into the country temporarily while their immigration claims were pending. That day, Attorney General Jeff Sessions ordered federal prosecutors to adopt a "zero tolerance policy" for border crossers. Parents placed into criminal custody could not keep their children with them, so families were split. The report focuses on Homeland Security agencies such as Immigration and Customs Enforcement and the Border Patrol, part of U.S. Customs and Border Protection, along with the Health and Human Services Office of Refugee Resettlement, or ORR, which traditionally has had responsibility for providing shelter for unaccompanied minors detained at the border.

The HHS agency had a far different task this time because the children were deemed "unaccompanied minors" after the government had separated them from their parents. Previously the refugee office was used to dealing with minors who arrived at the border alone. There was another important difference: Many children who were separated from their parents were considerably younger than the teens and pre-teens ORR normally attended to. "Shelters converted space previously used for classrooms for older children to be space for children under age 5, with one shelter adding cribs, smaller tables and chairs, and toys appropriate for younger children," the report noted.

The GAO found at least 103 children under the age of

4.

Under blistering political pressure, Trump ultimately rescinded family separation. A federal court ordered the government to reunite families and provide regular progress reports. But the agencies still had a problem: Their computer systems often did not flag when a child was separated from his or her parents. As a result, it wasn't always possible to verify that crucial fact. ORR said that Homeland Security sometimes did not provide the information.

Before the agencies made changes "data systems did not include a designated field to indicate that a child was unaccompanied as a result of being separated from his or her parent," the GAO found.


The GAO said administration officials as of Sept. 10 identified 2,654 children who were covered by the court order reuniting families. However, that number doesn't include all the children affected, because not all families were covered by the court order.

The report found that 2,217 children who were part of the court case had been released from federal custody as of Sept. 10. About 90 percent of them reunited with a parent, although some were placed with sponsors. According to a recent report from the American Civil Liberties Union about 250 children are still in government custody.

In a formal response to the GAO report, Homeland Security highlighted progress reuniting families, improvements to its computer systems and better coordination with health officials. HHS did not provide a formal response.

Rep. Frank Pallone, D-N.J., who requested the GAO investigation, said in a statement that it paints a picture of chaos and lack of internal communication within the Republican president's administration.

"The gross failures detailed in this report will be long remembered, but hopefully never repeated," Pallone said. □



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## 6 children dead, 12 sick in viral outbreak at rehab center

By MIKE CATALINI

A severe viral outbreak at a New Jersey rehabilitation center for "medically fragile children" has left six youngsters dead and 12 others sick, the state Health Department said Tuesday.

There have been 18 cases of adenovirus at the Wanaque Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation in Haskell, about 30 miles (50 kilometers) northwest of New York, the New Jersey Health Department said in a statement.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said in an email that it is providing technical assistance to the state. In the past 10 years, cases of severe illness and death from the type of infection found at the facility have been reported in the United States, said CDC spokeswoman Kate Fowlie in an email, though it's unclear how many deaths there have been.

The strain afflicting the children is usually associated with acute respiratory illness, according to the CDC, which on its website instructs health workers to report unusual clusters to state or local health departments.

The Health Department didn't release the ages of the victims or address the severity of the illness in the other dozen cases.

The six deaths happened this month, according to Health Department spokeswoman Donna Leusner.

The facility was instructed not to admit new patients until the outbreak ends, and the Health Depart-



Police cruisers are seen parked near the entrance of the Wanaque Center For Nursing And Rehabilitation, where New Jersey state Health Department confirmed the 18 cases of adenovirus, Tuesday, Oct. 23, 2018, in Haskell, N.J.

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ment said the number of new cases appears to be decreasing.

Dr. William Schaffner, an infectious disease professor at Vanderbilt University Medical Center, said these kinds of fatalities are not common, but they're known to happen.

"Here I think you have this kind of nasty combination of very fragile children and this particularly aggressive virus," he said.

The strain in the New Jersey outbreak is No. 7 and is affecting "medically fragile" children with severely compromised immune systems,

according to the Health Department. It has been associated with communal living and can be more severe.

A scientific paper cited by the CDC reported that a 1998 outbreak of type 7 adenovirus at a pediatric chronic-care facility in Chicago claimed the lives of eight patients. The 2001 paper said civilian outbreaks of the type 7 infection had not been frequently reported because of a lack of lab resources, and that the full impact on chronic-care facilities and hospitals is likely underestimated.

In New Jersey, a team was at the center Tuesday and Sunday and found "minor handwashing deficiencies," the Health Department said.

"The Health Department is continuing to work closely with the facility on infection control issues," the department said in a statement. The center helps educate "medically fragile children," according to its website. Messages left with the center were not returned.

Gov. Phil Murphy said in a statement that he was "heartbroken" about the deaths and that he had

been briefed by the health commissioner, Dr. Shereef Elnahal, who told him that the department is on site and trying to prevent the virus from spreading further.

"I am confident that the steps being taken by state and local officials will minimize the impact to all those who remain at the facility, including patients and employee," Murphy said.

Adenoviruses often cause mild illness, particularly in young children, but people with weakened immune systems are at risk of getting severely sick, according to the CDC. □





Members of the Louisville Metro Police Department talk inside a Kroger grocery in Jeffersontown, Ky., following a shooting that left two people dead, Wednesday, Oct. 24, 2018.

Associated Press

# Police: 2 killed at Kentucky grocery store

By DYLAN LOVAN

JEFFERSONTOWN, Ky. (AP)

— A male suspect fatally shot a man and a woman at a Kroger grocery store on the outskirts of Louisville, Kentucky, on Wednesday, and then exchanged fire with an armed bystander before fleeing the scene, police said. He was captured shortly afterward.

Both victims died at the store, said Jeffersontown Police Chief Sam Rogers. He did not say whether police had determined a motive. He also did not identify the suspect.

Police received a call about 3 p.m. reporting the shooting, Rogers said. He said the suspect fired multiple rounds at the man inside the store, and shot the female victim multiple times out in the parking lot. A citizen armed with a gun engaged the shooter in the parking lot, but the suspect was able to flee before he was captured on a nearby road, Rogers said.

Eric Deacon, who identified himself as an EMT, told The Associated Press that he was in the self-checkout lane of the store when he heard the first shot, in the pharmacy.

He said a man came around the corner and "the

look on his face, he looked like he just didn't care."

Deacon said he saw another man in the store with a gun who appeared to be shooting at the suspect, trying to get him out of the store. Deacon went outside and saw a woman in her mid-50s or early 60s who had been hit, and tried to resuscitate her.

"She was gone, there's nothing I could do," Deacon said. "I think she just got caught in the crossfire."

As police officers swarmed the scene and blocked off the area with yellow crime tape, a man identified by the Louisville Courier Journal as Tim King stood in the parking lot waiting for his wife to come out. He said he drove to the store after she called him sobbing to tell him what had happened.

"I said, 'What's wrong?'" King said in a video posted on the newspaper's website. "And she said, 'There's someone shooting up here.'"

King said his wife said she heard popping noises, then someone ran around a corner and said, "Oh my God, he's killed her."

Customers were moved to the back of the store, she said. □



In this Sept. 6, 2018, photo, Portland Police K-9 Officer Shawn Gore gives commands to police dog Jasko, in Portland, Ore.

Associated Press

# Some police dogs now have cameras, too

**MILWAUKEE (AP)** — Police dogs have always helped their human counterparts through their eyes and nose, and now some of the dogs are getting their own backup — cameras that transmit live video.

The devices generally attach to dogs' backs on a vest and transmit video to a handler watching from a screen, possibly on their wrist or around their necks. It's so the officers can better assess what they are up against before they go into a situation.

"If we have a really close encounter with armed people it doesn't work out well for anyone," said Shawn Gore, Portland, Oregon, police K-9 officer. "If we can gain distance it gives us lots of options to negotiate and de-escalate."

David Ferland, executive director for the United States Police Canine Association, a training pro-

gram for police dogs, said departments generally use the cameras when dogs go out to look for suspects, missing people or explosives — for the dog's safety and for intelligence gathering.

Ferland doesn't have statistics but he suspects fewer than 5 percent of agencies have the cameras because they are so expensive. Most cost between \$6,000 and \$20,000, he said.

But some K-9 academies are already training dogs with vests and cameras so they get used to them, Ferland said.

K-9 cameras started gaining traction about a decade ago after departments saw their success in helping dogs in the military, he said.

Law enforcement agencies generally pay for the cameras through donations or use forfeiture or drug seizure money, which

is how Portland is paying for its cameras. That police agency has used 10 cameras on its 10 K-9s since about 2012 and is in the process of getting newer cameras, costing about \$20,000 each.

Tactical Electronics started making K-9 cameras in 2006 and has sold 5,000 to 6,000 to law enforcement and military around the world, said Addie Ventris, the company's marketing director.

In Wisconsin, the Muskego Police Department recently bought its first camera for its dog, Sirius, said K-9 Officer Shawn Diedrich.

"Being able to get a layout of an area — whether it's out in the woods or in a house or it's in a business, the camera will start to give us that layout so when officers have to go into that environment they can do it more safely," Diedrich said. □





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## Northern Marianas slammed by strongest U.S. storm this year

**HONOLULU (AP)** — Super Typhoon Yutu crossed over the U.S. commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands early Thursday as the equivalent of a category 5 hurricane, making it the strongest storm to hit any part of the U.S. this year, the National Weather Service said.

"At its peak, it felt like many trains running constant," Glen Hunter wrote in a Facebook message to The Associated Press. Hunter lives on Saipan, the largest island in the commonwealth, which is a U.S. territory about 3,800 miles (6,115 kilometers) west of Hawaii.

"At its peak, the wind was constant and the sound horrifying," he said.

Maximum sustained winds of 180 mph (290 kph) were recorded around the eye of the storm, which passed over Tinian and Saipan early Thursday local time, said Brandon Aydlett, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service.

There were no immediate reports of deaths or injuries. Tinian suffered a direct hit. Saipan and Tinian will be unrecognizable, Aydlett said, adding that the weather service received reports that Yutu's catastrophic winds ripped roofs from homes and blew out windows.

"Any debris becomes shrapnel and deadly," he said.

Fallen trees could isolate residents, and power and water outages could last weeks, the weather service warned.

"Gonna be quite a scene when the sun comes up," Hunter wrote to the AP ear-



In this photo provided by Glen Hunter, damage from Super Typhoon Yutu is shown outside Hunter's home in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Thursday Oct. 25, 2018.

Associated Press

ly Thursday.

It was still quite dark when he peeked outside and saw his neighbor's house, made of wood and tin, completely gone. A palm tree was uprooted.

Hunter, 45, has lived on Saipan since childhood and is accustomed to strong storms. "We are in typhoon alley," he wrote, but added this is the worst he has experienced.

Power went out the previous afternoon, and Hunter was bracing for months without electricity or running water. All government offices and schools shut down two days ago. A few gas stations ran out of gas by Tuesday evening, he said.

"We knew it was going to be big," he said, "but wow." The roof flew off the second floor of Del Benson's Saipan home.

"We didn't sleep much," he wrote to the AP in a Facebook message. "I went upstairs and the skylight blew out. Then the roof started to go. We got the kids downstairs."

Recovery efforts on Saipan and Tinian will be slow, Aydlett said. "This is the worst-case scenario. This is why the building codes in the Marianas are so tough," he said. "This is going to be the storm which sets the scale for which future storms are compared to."

Nearly 200 federal workers were in the Marianas to assist, Gregorio Kilili Camacho Sablan, the commonwealth's delegate to U.S. Congress, said on Twitter. Six of Saipan's 10 shelters were full, he wrote.

All ports were closed, and flights into the Northern Marianas were canceled, he wrote.

"The Tinian Medical Center sustained extensive damage. Fortunately no patients were present," he wrote in a post that also said the Commonwealth Healthcare Center and Rota Medical Center were running on generator power.

Dean Sensui, vice chair for Hawaii on the Western Pacific Regional Fishery Management Council, was in Saipan for a council meeting. He hunkered down in his hotel room, where guests were told to remain indoors because winds were still strong Thursday morning.

"From around midnight the wind could be heard whipping by," he said in a Facebook message. "Down at the restaurant it sounded like a Hollywood soundtrack with the intense rain and howling wind."

Because he's in a solid hotel, it wasn't as scary as living through Hurricane Iniki in 1992, which left the Hawaiian island of Kauai badly damaged, he said. "The fact that we still have Internet access proves how solid their infrastructure is," he said. "Hawaii and others should study the Marianas to understand how to design and build communication grids that can withstand a storm."

The Northern Marianas have a population of about 55,000 people.

Waves of 25 to 40 feet (6 to 12 meters) were expected around the eye of the storm, and flooding is likely, forecasters said.

A typhoon warning was in effect for Saipan, Tinian and Rota. A tropical storm warning was in place for Guam and other southern islands. □







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## UK's May faces down critics but 'no deal' Brexit chaos looms

By JILL LAWLESS  
Associated Press

**LONDON (AP)** — British Prime Minister Theresa May faced down her Conservative Party critics and got roars of approval Wednesday even as warnings mounted about the disruption that could be unleashed if Britain leaves the European Union without a divorce deal.

May tried to shore up her besieged leadership with a speech to her party's "1922 Committee" of backbench lawmakers. Many of them oppose her attempts to strike a Brexit agreement with the EU, and some Conservatives have called for her to be replaced.

May made a call for unity to the dozens of legislators who packed a wood-paneled room at Parliament in London.

Lawmaker Michael Fabricant said May had urged the party to "hang together" as negotiations with the EU reached their endgame, and many in the room had responded with approval.

Journalists in the corridor outside could hear loud table-thumping at regular intervals during May's speech.

Rather than the lion's den that some had predicted, "it was a petting zoo," Fabricant said.

The meeting came as Britain's spending watchdog, the National Audit Office, said smugglers and other organized criminals were likely to exploit gaps in border enforcement in the event of a "no-deal" Brexit. The International Air Trans-



British Prime Minister Theresa May leaves 10 Downing Street in London, to attend Prime Minister's Questions at the Houses of Parliament, Wednesday, Oct. 24, 2018.

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port Association also warned there could be "chaos for travelers" if back-up aviation plans weren't put in place quickly.

Britain is due to leave the EU on March 29, but London and Brussels have not reached an agreement on their divorce terms and a smooth transition to a new relationship. The stalemate has heightened fears that the U.K. might leave without a deal in place, leading to chaos at ports and economic turmoil.

In its report, the National Audit Office said that political uncertainty and delays in negotiations with the EU have hampered preparations for new border arrangements, and the government is now racing to bolster computer systems, increase staffing and build

new infrastructure to track goods.

The office said 11 of 12 major projects may not be delivered on time or at "acceptable quality."

"Organized criminals and others are likely to be quick to exploit any perceived weaknesses or gaps in the enforcement regime," it added.

IATA, the international airline trade body, called for urgent planning by Britain and the EU to ensure "the uninterrupted continuation of air connectivity" — in other words, to keep planes flying — and to maintain safety and manage border controls.

Director General Alexandre de Juniac said failure to put such measures in place "could mean chaos for travelers and interrupt-

ed supply chains."

"A backstop contingency plan to keep planes flying after March must be published, and quickly," he said.

Meanwhile, the Financial Times reported that British Transport Secretary Chris Grayling raised at a Cabinet meeting Tuesday the idea of chartering ships to bring in food and medicines through alternative ports if new customs checks led to gridlock on the main shipping route between Dover in England and Calais in France.

"We remain confident of reaching an agreement with the EU, but it is only sensible for government and industry to prepare for a range of scenarios," the Department for Transport said in a statement.

Scottish First Minister Nicola Sturgeon, a Brexit opponent, said the government's "staggering incompetence" made Britain leaving the EU without a deal in place "the most likely outcome."

May said this week that a divorce deal was "95 percent" done, but the two sides still have a "considerable" gap over the issue of the border between the U.K.'s Northern Ireland and EU member Ireland.

Britain and the EU agree there must be no barriers that could disrupt businesses and residents on both sides of the border and undermine Northern Ireland's hard-won peace process. But so far, each side has rejected the other's solution.

May has attempted to break the impasse by suggesting that a post-Brexit transition period, currently due to end in December 2020, could be extended to give more time for new trade and customs arrangements.

The EU has said it is open to the proposal, but the idea has infuriated May's political opponents on both sides of Britain's Brexit divide.

Pro-Brexit politicians see it as an attempt to bind the country to the bloc indefinitely, while pro-EU politicians say it is a sign of May's weak bargaining hand and an attempt to stall for time. May's rousing performance before the 1922 Committee — which plays a key role in deciding who leads the Conservatives — may have brought a temporary reprieve. □



# Rising scruples in European countries over Saudi arms sales

By FRANK JORDANS  
ARITZ PARRA

Associated Press

**BERLIN (AP)** — The killing of writer Jamal Khashoggi has prompted soul-searching in some European countries about their sale of arms to Saudi Arabia, long one of the biggest buyers of sophisticated Western weaponry.

While the United States ranks first among Saudi's arms suppliers, Europe, too, has been selling billions of dollars' worth of weapons to the kingdom for decades.

Appeals have mounted in recent days calling for such deals to be halted: On Sunday, German Chancellor Angela Merkel said that arms exports to Saudi Arabia "can't take place in the situation we're currently in," citing Khashoggi's death. But despite the outrage, no European country has yet taken concrete action to change how business is done.

Spain's prime minister said Wednesday his government would fulfill past arms sales contracts with Saudi Arabia despite his "dismay" over the "terrible murder" of Khashoggi earlier this month in the Saudi Consulate in Istanbul.

Pedro Sanchez told lawmakers that protecting jobs in southern Spain was central to his decision last month to go ahead with a controversial bomb shipment to Saudi Arabia.

In London, British Prime Minister Theresa May also rebuffed a call from opposition lawmakers to end weapons sales to the Arab kingdom, telling Parliament on Wednesday that "the procedures we follow are among the strictest in the world."

Spain, Germany, Italy and Switzerland each accounted for about two percent of Saudi Arabia's arms imports between 2013 and 2017, according to figures compiled by the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute, or SIPRI. France accounted for about 4 percent, while Britain took a 23 percent share of the business — behind



Activists holding banners in the shape of missiles and a banner reading in Spanish "Arms under control" protest against the sale of weapons to Saudi Arabia in front of the Spanish Parliament in Madrid, Wednesday, Oct. 24, 2018.

Associated Press

the United States with 61 percent.

Merkel's economy minister, Peter Altmaier, called Monday for a common European Union position on arms sales to Saudi Arabia, telling a public broadcaster that "only if all European countries agree would this make an impression on the government in Riyadh."

Even if Germany were to stop the exports, "it will have no positive consequences ... if at the same time other countries fill this gap," he said.

Slovakia's Foreign Ministry said Wednesday it was willing to discuss the German proposal. In neighboring Czech Republic, Foreign Minister Tomas Petricek said he also supported a discussion as he summoned the Saudi ambassador to Prague to tell him "any attacks on journalists are unacceptable."

But Britain's foreign secretary highlighted the difficulty in agreeing on a common EU stance on Saudi arms exports when he pointed out last month that "With countries like Saudi Arabia, countries like China, the way you make the most progress is by talking to them in private."

"If you talk about these things publicly you lose the access, they say 'we don't want to deal with you' and you put yourself in a posi-

tion where you have no influence over what's happening," Jeremy Hunt told Sky News.

Should Western nations halt their sales, one country that might step in is Russia.

Russian and Saudi officials discussed possible arms sales including S-400 air defense systems during a landmark visit by King Salman last October, but no contract was signed.

Saudi Arabia also has expressed interest in setting up production of Russian Kornet-EM anti-tank missiles, TOS-1A rocket launchers and AGS-30 automatic grenade launchers and the latest version of the Kalashnikov assault rifle in their country. It is unclear if any of those deals are nearing implementation.

Russia's cautious stance on Khashoggi's murder could be changing that, experts say.

Kirill Semenyov, a Middle East expert on the Foreign Affairs Council which advises the Kremlin, said the Saudis would be looking for alternatives like Russia if one of their key partners were to pull out of the deals.

"If the U.S. or Britain were to renege on the contracts to supply fighter jets or other weapons like tanks, it would be a serious blow, that would push Saudi Arabia to buy arms from Russia like T-90 tanks or Su-35

planes," he said.

A sizeable Russian business delegation on Tuesday descended on an investment conference in Riyadh to show that Moscow is unfazed by the accusations against the royal family.

Kirill Dmitriev, chairman of the state-owned Russian Direct Investment Fund, told state-owned Rossiya 24 channel that "Saudi partners are appreciative of our balanced position."

"We continue to cooperate with Saudi Arabia's investment fund and other partners," he added.

Dmitriev likened the investigation into Khashoggi's killing to recent accusations leveled against Russia over the poisoning of a former Russian spy in Britain and cyber-attacks around the world.

"There's a lot of speculation and unverified information around," he said.

French government spokesman Benjamin Griveaux said Wednesday that Paris will agree to sanctions against Saudi Arabia only if it's proven they are to blame in the journalist's killing.

"As long as these facts are not corroborated by our intelligence services, we will withhold our response," Griveaux said. "But once the light is made, that these facts are corroborated by our services, and

in the event that Saudi Arabia's responsibility is proven, then we will draw the consequences and we will take sanctions. And I will tell you something, it would not be just about weapons."

Diederik Cops, a researcher at the Flemish Peace Institute in Belgium, suggested that the European focus on military goods would have been more appropriate years ago in reaction to the Yemen conflict, where Saudi relies heavily on foreign arms and equipment. It may have taken the Khashoggi killing to force a change, he said.

"Most governments are threatening with arms and questioning arms exports because they know that is the most strong ... political pressure instrument they can use at this moment toward the Saudis," he said.

But, he added, it's hard to tell if a global initiative on prohibiting arms exports to Saudi Arabia will take hold because of geopolitical and economic factors.

Rights groups have long called unethical the multi-billion-dollar U.S. and European arms sales to Saudi Arabia, for decades one of the world's largest buyers of weapons. They point to the growing number of civilian casualties in Yemen's ongoing civil war, in which the Saudis lead a mostly Arab coalition against Iranian-supported Shiite rebels known as the Houthis.

Calls for the deals to be suspended have often surfaced in the wake of airstrikes by the U.S.-backed, Saudi-led coalition fighting against the Iranian-supported Shiite rebels in Yemen. The airstrikes have killed hundreds of Yemeni civilians, including women and children, since the commencement of the war in 2015.

After an August airstrike hit a bus carrying Yemeni children on their way to school in the country's north, killing more than 40, Human Rights Watch said the incident highlighted the "calous indifference of the Western powers enthusiastically arming the Saudi-led coalition." □



# Netanyahu: If not for Israel, Hamas would topple Abbas

By ARON HELLER

Associated Press

**TEL AVIV, Israel (AP)** — Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu vowed on Wednesday to maintain a permanent Israeli military force in the West Bank, saying that if it weren't for Israeli troops stationed there Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas would be "overrun in two minutes" by Hamas militants.

Netanyahu told a major Jewish conference that Israel doesn't have the liberty to repeat its mistake in Gaza, where Hamas violently seized control from Abbas after Israeli forces withdrew from the coastal strip. Asked about his vision for the West Bank, Netanyahu said he preferred to avoid labels such as "Palestinian state." But he did make clear his view that Abbas, known by his nickname Abu Mazen, and his Palestinian Authority owe their very existence to Israel's protection, and directly benefit from the presence of Israeli troops.



In this Oct. 7, 2018 file photo, Israel Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu attends the weekly cabinet meeting at his office in Jerusalem.

Associated Press

"They'd be overrun in two minutes. A couple of years ago we uncovered a plot of 100 Hamas men to overthrow Abu Mazen. Overthrow? Kill him. Not kill him politically. Kill him. So, if we weren't there, they'd not be there, which is exactly

what happened when we left Gaza," Netanyahu told an assembly of the Jewish Federation of North America. Israel withdrew from the Gaza Strip in 2005, evacuating its settlements there and pulling back all its

troops. The following year, Hamas won parliamentary elections and a year after that, it violently overthrew forces loyal to Abbas and has since ruled the territory with an iron fist. As part of interim peace deals in the 1990s, the West

Bank was carved up into autonomous and semi-autonomous Palestinian areas, known as Areas A and B, and Area C, which is under exclusive Israeli control and home to dozens of Israeli settlements.

Previous peace talks have come to a deadlock over how much of the territory would become part of the future Palestinian state.

Nabil Abu Rdeneh, an Abbas spokesman, said the only way to achieve peace and stability was through a Palestinian state on the entire West Bank, with east Jerusalem as its capital.

"Other than that, it is just excuses to keep the occupation," he said, adding that continued occupation and settlements "will only lead to instability and violence."

After years of rejecting the concept, Netanyahu ultimately agreed to the idea of a demilitarized Palestinian state in 2009. But he has since walked it back some, faced with pressure from his more hard-line coalition partners. □

# Anti-India protests in Kashmir after troops kill 2 rebels

Associated Press

**SRINAGAR, India (AP)** — Government forces killed two rebels during a gun-battle on the outskirts of disputed Kashmir's main city on Wednesday, sparking violent anti-India protests by residents, police said.

Indian troops laid siege to a neighborhood in Srinagar following a tip that militants were hiding there, police said.

The searches by troops triggered an exchange of gunfire resulting in the deaths of two militants and injuries to four soldiers and two counterinsurgency policemen.

Residents said Indian troops burned a civilian home where the rebels took refuge during the fighting.

The fighting sparked protests and clashes as residents tried to march to the site of the battle in solidarity with the militants. Chanting slogans in favor of the militants and demanding



Indian police men use their shields during clashes with Kashmiri protesters in Srinagar, India, Wednesday, Oct. 24, 2018.

Associated Press

an end to Indian rule over Kashmir, the demonstrators threw stones at police and paramilitary soldiers, who fired warning shots, shot-gun pellets and tear gas to quell the protests. At least half a dozen people were injured.

Later Wednesday, thousands participated in the funerals of slain militants

in the villages in southern Kashmir. Some armed associates turned up at the funeral of one of the slain rebels, Sabzar Sofi, and fired their guns in air to salute their fallen comrade amid loud pro-freedom slogans from the mourners, witnesses said. Sofi was a doctorate student before joining the militants and his

death triggered protests and clashes in his home area.

Authorities suspended internet service on cellphones and ordered schools shut in Srinagar, a common tactic to discourage further protests and dissemination of protest videos.

Separatist leaders who challenge India's sovereignty over Kashmir called for a general strike on Thursday to protest the killings. In a statement, the leaders said "India's stubbornness and repressive policies in Kashmir are forcing the educated youth toward the path of armed resistance and martyrdom."

The region witnessed massive anger, anti-India protests and shutdowns amid a security lockdown following the killing Sunday of seven civilians in an explosion after three local rebels died in a gunfight in the southern Kulgam area.

Last week, two local rebels,

a civilian and a counter-insurgency police official were killed in fighting in Srinagar.

India and Pakistan each administer part of Kashmir, but both claim it in its entirety. Most Kashmiris support rebel demands that the territory be united either under Pakistani rule or as an independent country, while also participating in civilian street protests against Indian control. In recent years, mainly young Kashmiris have displayed open solidarity with the rebels and sought to protect them by engaging troops in street clashes during military operations.

Rebels have been fighting Indian control since 1989. India accuses Pakistan of arming and training the rebels, a charge Pakistan denies.

Nearly 70,000 people have been killed in the uprising and the ensuing Indian military crackdown. □





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# Japan journalist freed from Syrian captivity says he's safe

By MARI YAMAGUCHI

**TOKYO (AP)** — A Japanese journalist freed after more than three years of captivity in Syria said Wednesday he is safe in neighboring Turkey.

Japanese Foreign Minister Taro Kono said Japanese Embassy officials met with the freelance journalist, Jumpei Yasuda, at an immigration center in southern Turkey near the border with Syria.

"We are extremely pleased that we have confirmed the safety of Mr. Jumpei Yasuda," Kono told reporters.

Yasuda was kidnapped in 2015 by al-Qaida's branch in Syria, known at the time as the Nusra Front, after contact with him was lost in June that year. A war monitoring group said he was most recently held by a Syrian commander with the Turkistan Islamic Party, which mostly consists of Chinese jihadis in Syria.

"My name is Jumpei Yasuda, Japanese journalist. I have been held in Syria for 40 months," Yasuda said, somewhat haltingly, in English in comments broadcast by Japan's NHK public television. "Now I am in Turkey. Now I am in safe condition. Thank you very much."

NHK said the video was shot inside the immigration center and was released by the local government in Turkey's Hatay province.

News of Yasuda's release came late Tuesday from Qatar, which helped in obtaining his freedom along with Turkey and other countries in the region, Japanese Chief Cabinet Secretary Yoshihide Suga said.

Asked if any ransom was involved, Suga said, "There is no fact that ransom money was paid."



In this image released by the Hatay governorate in Turkey, Jumpei Yasuda of Japan, talks in Antakya, Turkey, Wednesday, Oct. 24, 2018.

Associated Press

Yasuda's wife, a singer who goes by the name Myu, was on a live talk show on Japanese television and shed tears when she heard Kono confirm that her husband was safe. "First I want to tell him welcome back, and then praise him for enduring," she said. "I'm so glad he survived."

Yasuda's parents earlier said they couldn't wait to see their son return home.

"I was just praying for his safe return," his mother Sachiko Yasuda, 75, told Japan's NHK public television as she and her husband stood in front of their home outside Tokyo, holding a "thousand cranes" well-wishing origami ornament that she had added to every day for three years.

Prime Minister Shinzo Abe promised the government would help arrange the earliest possible return home for Yasuda. He said Yasuda appeared in good

health, an indication he would be fit to travel when his travel documents and other procedures are complete.

Yasuda started reporting on the Middle East in the early 2000s. He was taken hostage in Iraq in 2004 with three other Japanese, but was freed after Islamic clerics negotiated his release. His last work in Syria involved reporting on his friend Kenji Goto, a Japanese journalist who was taken hostage and killed by the Islamic State group.

Contact was lost with Yasuda after he sent a message to another Japanese freelancer on June 23, 2015. In his last tweet two days earlier, Yasuda said his reporting was often obstructed and that he would stop tweeting his location and activities.

Several videos showing a man believed to be Yasuda have been released in

the past year.

In one video released in July, a bearded man thought to be Yasuda said he was in a harsh environment and needed to be rescued immediately.

The governor of Turkey's southern Hatay province, Erdal Ata, said Wednesday that Yasuda was rescued as a result of efforts by Turkish intelligence and security units. Ata said Yasuda had no identification with him when he was brought from Syria, which he had entered illegally, and that he would be handed over to Japanese officials as soon as necessary procedures on the Turkish side are completed.

Syria has been one of the most dangerous places for journalists since the conflict there began in March 2011, with dozens killed or kidnapped.

Yasuda's release came as al-Qaida branches have

become so weak that they are nearly unable to operate, giving them less reason to hold hostages to raise ransom for acquiring weapons, Hiroyuki Aoyama, a Tokyo University of Foreign Studies professor and expert on Syria, told NHK. Several journalists are still missing in Syria and their fates are unknown.

Those missing include Austin Tice of Houston, Texas, who disappeared in August 2012 while covering the conflict, which has killed some 400,000 people. A video released a month later showed him blindfolded and held by armed men, saying "Oh, Jesus." He has not been heard from since.

Tice is a former Marine who has reported for The Washington Post, McClatchy Newspapers, CBS and other outlets, and disappeared shortly after his 31st birthday.

Another is British photojournalist John Cantlie, who appeared in Islamic State group propaganda videos. Cantlie has worked for several publications, including The Sunday Times, The Sun and The Sunday Telegraph. He was kidnapped with American journalist James Foley in November 2012. The IS beheaded Foley in August 2014.

Lebanese journalist Samir Kassab, who worked for Sky News, was kidnapped on Oct. 14, 2013, along with a colleague from Mauritania, Ishak Moctar, and a Syrian driver while on a trip in northern Syria.

In March 2014, two Spanish journalists — correspondent Javier Espinosa and photographer Ricardo Garcia Vilanova — were released six months after being kidnapped by an al-Qaida-linked group. □



# Fascist? Populist? Debate over describing Brazil's Bolsonaro

By PETER PRENGAMAN

Associated Press

**RIO DE JANEIRO (AP)** — The front-runner in Brazil's presidential race says he wants to liberalize a largely closed economy, so why is he being called a "populist"? His speeches are laden with references to violence, but does such language deserve to be described as "far-right"?

And is Jair Bolsonaro being "fascist" when he makes derogatory comments about blacks, Indians and gays? What about when he says political opponents should be shot or waxes nostalgic about the 1964-1985 dictatorship?

As Sunday's election approaches, the seven-term congressman is the focus of fierce debate in Brazil and beyond over how to describe a candidate whose eclectic mix of policies and harsh language thrills supporters and terrifies detractors. Bolsonaro's rise parallels that of other politicians worldwide who often employ similar rhetoric, including U.S. President Donald Trump, Philippines President Rodrigo Duterte and several leaders across Europe.

His opponent, Fernando Haddad, frequently says Bolsonaro is "extreme" and represents "a risk" to democracy. Haddad's Workers' Party has gone so far as to liken Bolsonaro to Adolf Hitler and the Nazi Party in campaign videos.

So what adjectives are appropriate for the former military man? Opinions abound.

"The press insists on calling him a right-wing populist," Jesus Silva Herzog Marquez, a political consultant in Mexico, recently wrote in his blog. "He is not. He is a fascist, and it's important to make the distinction."

Bolsonaro "is not a fascist, but rather a pre-modern, conservative candidate from the 19th century," said Carlos Pereira, a political analyst with think tank Getulio Vargas Foundation in Rio de Janeiro. "He never modernized."

The debate comes in part because Bolsonaro's policy



In this Sept. 9, 2018 file photo, supporters of presidential frontrunner Jair Bolsonaro, exhibit a large, inflatable doll in his image as they march along Paulista Avenue to show support for him in Sao Paulo, Brazil.

positions are sometimes at odds with his public statements and with the narrative that he pushes about himself: that he is a tough, no-frills former army captain ready to annihilate criminals and corrupt politicians for the good of the nation.

Take the term populist, which many local and foreign news agencies routinely use to describe him. Bolsonaro's rhetoric emphasizes "the people" against "the elite," words that encompass the most common definitions of the term. But experts note that what he has promised to do with the economy, the largest in Latin America, can hardly be called populist.

He has said economic adviser Paulo Guedes, a University of Chicago-trained economist and banker, will as finance minister oversee a major overhaul, including reforming the pension system, sharply cutting spending and undertaking massive privatizations.

Perhaps the biggest debates center around the terms "hard right," "far right" or "extreme right." The candidate himself takes issue with these descriptions.

"I'm not on the extreme right. Show me an act that makes me extreme right," said Bolsonaro earlier this month during an event in Rio de Janeiro.

He apparently believes the description arises from his past statements on immigration. Bolsonaro has called immigrants from several poor countries "scum of the world" and said during the same event that Brazil cannot become a "country of open borders."

"I'm an admirer of President Trump. He wants America to be great. I want Brazil to be great," he added.

French congresswoman Marine Le Pen, who is described by many news organizations, including The Associated Press, as "far-right," said the term does not apply to Bolsonaro.

"I don't see Mr. Bolsonaro as an extreme-right can-

didate," she said during an interview with station French 2 this month. "He says unpleasant things that would be unacceptable in France. The cultures are different."

But news organizations, academics and political consultants defend their use of the terms based on Bolsonaro's statements that range from a denigration of blacks, gays and indigenous peoples to assertions that Workers' Party stalwarts should be shot.

Folha de S. Paulo, one of Brazil's leading daily newspapers, put the debate front and center earlier this month when it publicly debated a memo that had been sent to the newsroom that said Bolsonaro could be described as "right-wing" but not "extreme right."

The terms "extreme left" or "extreme right" are "for groups that practice or preach violence as a political method," the memo said.

Letters-to-the-editor criticizing and supporting the de-

cision poured in, and the paper's ombudsman reviewed the issue. Her take: the newspaper was wrong in not calling Bolsonaro "extreme right."

Paula Cesarino Costa wrote that the term fit because Bolsonaro had explicitly defended the violation of human rights, questioned the rights of minorities and denied that the military government had been a dictatorship that used torture.

Folha and other mainstays of the Brazilian press "don't seem interested in the historical dimension of this understanding," she said.

The most controversial term sometimes used to describe Bolsonaro and his campaign is "fascist," and its use goes beyond opponents or social media trolls. On Sunday, former President Fernando Henrique Cardoso said comments by one of Bolsonaro's sons, a congressman and close adviser, "smelled of fascism." Video surfaced of Eduardo Bolsonaro arguing during a talk in July that the country's top court could be shut down with just a few soldiers if for any reason his father was not allowed to assume office.

Bolsonaro advocates for strong, even authoritarian leadership and exalts the state over the individual, central tenants of fascism. His campaign motto is: "Brazil above all, God above everybody."

But people who argue that the term does not apply note that it's a huge leap to talk about Bolsonaro in the same category as Italian strongman Benito Mussolini, the first to use the term in the early 20th century, or Hitler, who oversaw the extermination of millions of Jews.

"We need to stay alert in the future," wrote Helio Gurovitz, a prominent blogger for Brazilian G1 news portal. "But today the generalizing of terms of precise historic significance, such as 'fascism' or 'Nazism,' is a categorical error that only serves to nourish (Bolsonaro's) campaign and obscure the real risks he represents."q



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**ORANJESTAD** — Students of EPI Economy unit will be organizing a Halloween event with the purpose of collecting funds for their study trip, and at the same time supporting the activities on the main street of Oranjestad.

Students of EPI Economy unit are collecting funds for their study trip in January 2019. The students are specializing in the tourism and marketing sectors. The study trip will be to New York. In New York they will have a better view on how Aruba is being promoted internationally. They will also receive workshops regarding tourism and marketing. All this can be applied in their studies and their future. Another goal of this study trip is to teach the student how to organize, plan, encourage leadership development, financial management and team work.

In order to collect the necessary funds the students came up with the idea to organize a Halloween event which consists of a haunted house on the main street in Oranjestad. This is a fun way to collect funds and attract the public to the main street. The haunted house is called "House of Torment".

Seeing the location of the haunted house they decided to include the entire street of Korteweg for the event. This is called: 'Nightmare in Shortstreet'. By entering the 'Nightmare on Shortstreet,' you will be directed to the House of Torment.

The event will take place on October 26, 27, 28 and 31st. From 6 PM to 11 PM. On October 31st the opening hours will be from 6 PM till 12 AM. Tickets are available at the door. During these days the main street will be filled with lots of activities for the whole family.

The students of EPI Economy unit together with AREA would like to invite the entire community of Aruba to support their event House of Torment and the main street.

For more information check their facebook page Nightmare on Shortstreet House of Torment. □





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## Urgent Care Aruba (UCA): dedication to Continuing Medical Education (CME)

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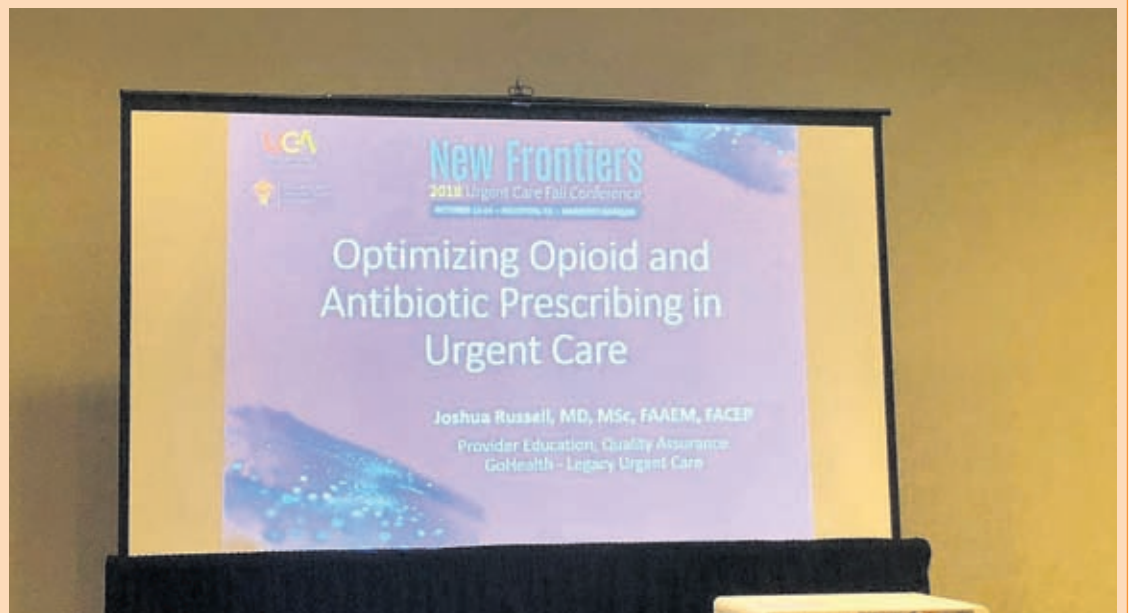
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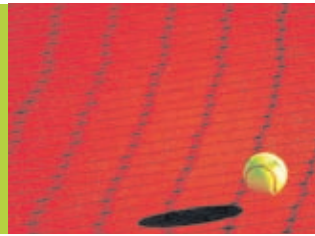
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# SPORTS



Brooks Koepka of the United States reacts after his shot on the 16th hole during the final round of the CJ Cup PGA golf tournament at Nine Bridges on Jeju Island, South Korea, Sunday, Oct. 21, 2018.

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## Koepka makes debut at No. 1 and hopes to keep rolling

**SHANGHAI (AP)** — Brooks Koepka is having the kind of year he only imagined in his dreams, and he's not ready for it to end. In June, he became the first player in 29 years to win back-to-back in the U.S. Open. In August, he played some of his best golf amid ear-splitting cheers for Tiger Woods on the back nine at Bellerive to win the PGA Championship with a record score. In a span of 19 days in October, he was voted PGA Tour player of the year and won the CJ Cup in South Korea to reach No. 1 in the world. The trick now is to stay there. He makes his debut at No. 1 on Thursday in the HSBC Champions at Sheshan International against a top-heavy field that includes five of the six top players in the world and all the major champions from this year.

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## Red Sox come out swinging, beat Dodgers 8-4

Boston Red Sox's Andrew Benintendi hits a single during the third inning of Game 1 of the World Series baseball game against the Los Angeles Dodgers Tuesday, Oct. 23, 2018, in Boston.

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## Griffin, Pistons top 76ers 133-132 in OT

Detroit Pistons forward Blake Griffin (23) shoots as Philadelphia 76ers forward Dario Saric (9) defends during the first half of an NBA basketball game, Tuesday, Oct. 23, 2018, in Detroit.

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"Looking forward to teeing it as No. 1," Koepka said. "I think that's something every golfer kind of dreams of and every golfer wants to accomplish. I'm looking to build on that lead, grow it, and that way I can be No. 1 for a while. The goal isn't just to get here. It's to stay here."

It doesn't figure to be easy. He replaced his good friend and neighbor, Dustin Johnson, atop the world ranking. Johnson has his own score to settle at this World Golf Championship after tying the wrong kind of record last year when he lost a six-shot lead in the final round. Justin Rose would up coming from eight shots behind to win.

Johnson and Rose each have a chance to return to No. 1 this week.

Also in the field is Rory McIlroy at No. 5 and Francesco Molinari at No. 6.

Molinari is the only player who can make a case for having the best year worldwide. Koepka has the edge with his two majors. Molinari counters with his first major at the British Open to go along with a victory at Wentworth in the European Tour flagship event, the Quicken Loans

National on the PGA Tour, and if that wasn't enough, the first European to go 5-0 in the Ryder Cup.

Koepka and Rose are in the same group in the opening two rounds, along with Tommy Fleetwood. Molinari is playing with Johnson and McIlroy in another feature group.

The only player missing from the top six is Justin Thomas, who played the last two weeks in Asia.

The HSBC Champions is a \$10 million event that starts a big end to the European Tour season, where Molinari has a lead over Fleetwood in the Race to Dubai, with McIlroy trying desperately to make up ground.

It also can be a big start for the PGA Tour's wraparound season, which began three weeks ago.

The HSBC Champions was the centerpiece of a remarkable turnaround last year for Rose, who had a stretch of 10 consecutive finishes in the top 10. That includes his unlikely victory at Sheshan International, along with victories in the Turkish Airlines Open and the Indonesia Masters.

It eventually led Rose to reaching No. 1 in the world after a runner-up finish at the BMW Championship outside Philadelphia,



Brooks Koepka of the United States watches his shot on the 18th hole during the final round of the CJ Cup PGA golf tournament at Nine Bridges on Jeju Island, South Korea, Sunday, Oct. 21, 2018. Associated Press

though the ranking lasted only two weeks before Johnson took it back. Now it's Koepka's turn.

This is the first time since 1997 that four players have spent time at No. 1 in the world, and the first time since the world ranking began in 1986 that the top four in the world have all been No. 1 in the same year.

Pressure?

"I've only been world No. 1 for three days," Koepka said Wednesday. "I haven't found too many challeng-

es in those days."

Johnson won the HSBC Champions in 2013, and it looked as though he would add another World Golf Championships title a year ago when he had a six-shot lead. Most remarkable about that collapse was that Johnson still had a three-shot lead going to the back nine, didn't miss a fairway and still lost.

But he got over it quickly, winning his next PGA Tour start at Kapalua by eight shots.

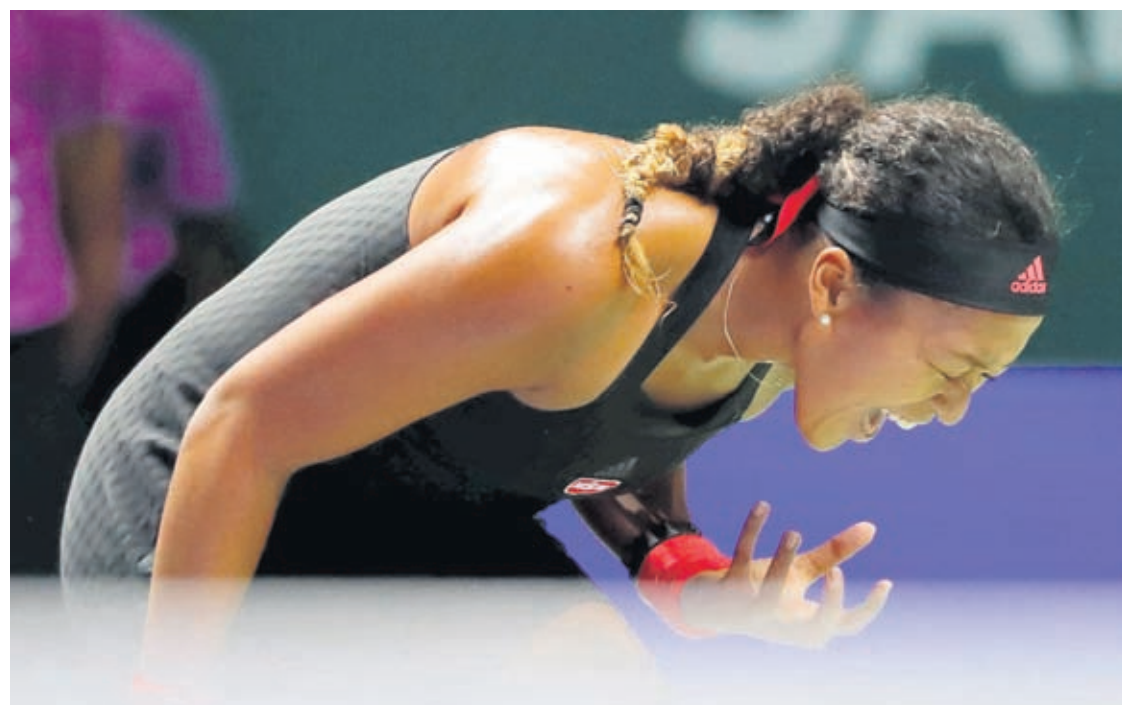
Then again, no one is more

equipped at handling mishaps than Johnson, who has a history of having bad things happen at big events.

"A lot of practice," he said with a smile. "Whether I'm playing at home or out here, you're going to make mistakes. It just happens. I think it just all depends on how you handle them and if you let it bother you."

Johnson is playing his only event in the fall. For Koepka, it's his final event of a year that he hopes has one more trophy. □

## Kerber, Stephens win in 3 sets at WTA Finals



Naomi Osaka of Japan reacts while playing against Angelique Kerber of Germany during their women's singles match at the WTA tennis finals in Singapore, Wednesday, Oct. 24, 2018.

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**SINGAPORE (AP)** — Sloane Stephens and Angelique Kerber both earned three-

set victories at the WTA Finals on Wednesday to leave their group wide

open ahead of the last round.

Stephens, who is making

her debut at the year-end event, beat Kiki Bertens 7-6 (4), 2-6, 6-3 for her second straight victory in round-robin play.

Earlier, Kerber held her nerve and her serve to beat Naomi Osaka 6-4, 5-7, 6-4 after saving 13 of the 18 break points she faced, including five in the final game of the first set.

The results mean all four players could still advance to the semifinals. Stephens is the only player with a 2-0 record, with Kerber and Bertens at 1-1 and Osaka dropping to 0-2.

Stephens would have secured a semifinal spot if she had won in straight sets but Bertens managed to extend the match past midnight local time.

"Thank you so much for staying as I know it's after everyone's bedtime," the

American told the crowd.

Kerber had a chance to win straight sets, but the Wimbledon champion was broken while serving at 5-4. In the final set, the German didn't squander a second chance and an error from Osaka on match point ended it.

Osaka, who won this year's U.S. Open, finished the match with 50 unforced errors and 42 winners, while Kerber had 30 unforced errors and 24 winners.

"I feel like this match was sort of a continuation of my last match in a way that I feel like I just didn't serve well, in either of them," Osaka said. "I'm playing against the best players in the world, so I feel like I want to be in top form, but I'm not really there."

"So it's a little bit depressing." □



## Griffin has career-best 50 points in Pistons' win over 76ers

**DETROIT (AP)** — Blake Griffin scored a career-high 50 points and had the game-winner after he was fouled on a driving layup with 1.8 seconds left as Detroit topped Philadelphia 133-132 in a wild overtime thriller on Tuesday night.

JJ Redick's four-point play with 5.6 seconds left in overtime set up Griffin's dramatics, while Joel Embiid, who had 33 points and 11 rebounds, missed a potential game-winner at the buzzer. Redick had 30 points and scored a 3-pointer while being fouled by Reggie Jackson after the Pistons point guard made two free throws to take a 130-128 lead.

The 76ers were without Ben Simmons, out because of back tightness.

Griffin faked a handoff on the final play and drove the lane for the basket, getting

fouled by Robert Covington. He made the ensuing free throw for the win.

Griffin was 20 of 35 from the field, going 5 for 10 on 3-pointers, scoring his most points as a member of the Pistons for the second straight game.

Jackson had 23 points and Ish Smith scored 21 for the Pistons, who are 3-0 for the first time since 2015-16, the last time they made the playoffs.

PELICANS 116, CLIPPERS 109  
**NEW ORLEANS (AP)** — Anthony Davis highlighted a 34-point and 13-rebound performance with a clutch left-wing 3 with less than two minutes remaining, and the New Orleans Pelicans remained unbeaten through three games with a victory over the Clippers.

New Orleans won for the first time when Nikola Mirotic struggled from 3-point

range. He was 0-for-6 from deep, but still managed to score 18 points and grab 12 rebounds.

Elfrid Payton scored 20, including a 3 that made it 113-103 with just less than a minute to go. Julius Randle added 18 points before fouling out with 2:17 to go. Tobias Harris scored 26 points and Danilo Gallinari 24 for the Clippers, who were playing their first road game of the season after winning their previous two at home. Lou Williams added 17 points for Los Angeles, which narrowly outshot New Orleans but was done in by 17 turnovers.

NUGGETS 126, KINGS 112  
**DENVER (AP)** — Jamal Murray scored 14 of his 19 points in the third quarter and Nikola Jokic had 14 points and 12 rebounds to lead the Nuggets to a win over the Kings.



Detroit Pistons forward Blake Griffin, left, and Philadelphia 76ers forward Dario Saric reach for the loose ball during the second half of an NBA basketball game, Tuesday, Oct. 23, 2018, in Detroit.

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Denver has won its first four games for the first time since starting 5-0 in 2009-10. The Nuggets swept their three-game homestand, including a win over Golden State on Sunday.

The Nuggets remained unbeaten despite allowing a team to break the century mark in points for the first

time this season. The Nuggets held opponents to an NBA-best 95.7 points in the first three games but simply outscored Sacramento, which entered Tuesday second in the NBA in scoring at 125.7 points a game. Gary Harris scored 18 points and Paul Millsap added 15 for Denver. □

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# Red Sox beat Dodgers 8-4 in World Series opener

By **BEN WALKER**

**BOSTON (AP)** — The Fenway Funhouse proved too tricky, too cold and just too much for the beach boys. Andrew Benintendi, J.D. Martinez and the Boston Red Sox came out swinging in the World Series opener, seizing every advantage in their quirky ballpark to beat the Los Angeles Dodgers 8-4 on a chilly, windy Tuesday night.

Benintendi had four hits, Martinez drove in two early runs and pinch-hitter Eduardo Nunez golfed a three-run homer to seal it. The 108-win Red Sox got a solid effort from their bullpen after an expected duel between aces Chris Sale and Clayton Kershaw never developed.

From the get-go, old Fenway Park caused all sorts of problems for the Dodgers. Mookie Betts led off for the Red Sox with a popup that twisted first baseman David Freese as he tried to navigate the tight foul space near the stands and gauge the gusts. Lost, he overran the ball and it dropped behind him.

"You never really know," Benintendi said. "The flag will be blowing one way, and the wind is actually blowing the other. You have to be on your toes pretty much." Given a second chance, Betts lined a single that set up a two-run first inning.

"It was important for us to score first and kind of put some pressure on them," he said.

In the seventh, newly inserted left fielder Joc Pederson looked hesitant as he chased Benintendi's soft fly, rushing toward the seats that jut out down the line. The ball ticked off his glove for a ground-rule double, and soon Nunez connected off Alex Wood to break open a 5-4 game.

"We didn't play the defense that we typically do. I thought we left some outs out there," Dodgers manager Dave Roberts said. "And it didn't make Clayton's job any easier."

The crowd and cold temperatures were no picnic for Los Angeles, either.

The oddly angled ballpark



**Boston Red Sox's Eduardo Nunez reacts after hitting a three-run home run during the seventh inning of Game 1 of the World Series baseball game against the Los Angeles Dodgers Tuesday, Oct. 23, 2018, in Boston.**

Associated Press



**Boston Red Sox's Craig Kimbrel throws during the ninth inning of Game 1 of the World Series baseball game against the Los Angeles Dodgers Tuesday, Oct. 23, 2018, in Boston.**

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became an echo chamber even before the first pitch. Chants of "Beat LA!" began early, Kershaw got heckled with a sing-song serenade and Dodgers villain Manny Machado heard loud boos all evening.

Only one person wearing Dodger blue drew a cheer: Roberts, saluted in pre-game introductions for the daring steal that turned the tide in Boston's 2004 playoff comeback against the Yankees.

"I think we had the advantage tonight with the weather and stuff. We've been playing through it,"

Red Sox pitcher Nathan Eovaldi said.

It was 53 degrees at first pitch and it dropped into the mid-40s by the end. That was the coldest game for Los Angeles this season and quite a contrast from last year's World Series, when it was a record 103 degrees for the opener at Dodger Stadium against Houston.

"We won Game 1 last year and lost the Series, so maybe we'll try it out this way. See if we can win one," Kershaw said.

Game 2 is Wednesday night, when it's supposed

to be even colder. David Price, fresh from beating Houston in the ALCS clincher, starts against Hyun-Jin Ryu.

Both teams rely heavily on analytics, and it showed: With each manager searching for the most beneficial matchup, the clubs combined to use 12 pitchers and six pinch-hitters. Benintendi scored three times for Boston, trying for its fourth championship in 15 seasons.

Matt Kemp homered and Justin Turner had three hits for the Dodgers, aiming for their first crown since 1988. Machado drove in three runs, and his RBI grounder in the fifth inning made it 3-all. Boston retook the lead in the bottom half when Xander Bogaerts hustled to beat out a potential inning-ending double play — Dodgers reliever Ryan Madson seemed to celebrate a little too early.

Rafael Devers followed with an RBI single, making it 5-3 and giving himself an early birthday present. He turned 22 at midnight, three minutes before the game ended.

Martinez, who led the majors with 130 RBIs, gave the crowd a scare when his foot slipped rounding sec-

ond base on a run-scoring double in the third. He fell hard, but soon got up.

Steve Pearce, ruled safe at first on a replay review, scored from there on Martinez's double. The ball hit a metal garage-type grate on the far center-field wall and took a weird carom, giving Pearce extra time to score.

A garage-style grate, used for groundskeeping vehicles and such. What other park has that in play?

A day before this opener, Kershaw and most of the Dodgers pooh-poohed the prospect that Fenway would cause them trouble. Most of them had never played at the oldest ballpark in the majors, built in 1912, but said they were sure they'd be OK.

It didn't quite turn out that way in their first trip to Fenway since 2010.

Besides, clubs coming to Beantown have other things to worry about.

"I think the biggest challenge for a team coming in here is you're playing the Boston Red Sox," Eovaldi said Monday.

The only other time the Dodgers and Red Sox met in the World Series was 1916, when Babe Ruth helped pitch Boston to the championship. Those games were at Braves Field, the bigger home park of the city's National League franchise.

Kershaw and Sale each started out wearing short sleeves, but neither warmed to the possibility of the marquee matchup. In similar outings, both were pulled before getting an out in the fifth.

Kershaw took the loss in his first appearance at Fenway, tagged for five runs on seven hits and three walks. The three-time NL Cy Young Award winner fell to 9-9 in the postseason, his October results falling short of his brilliant regular-season resume.

"All the way around it wasn't a good night," Kershaw said.

Sale threw 91 pitches in his first outing since the ALCS opener. He was hospitalized last week for an unspecified stomach illness. □





Atlanta United players mob Franco Escobar after his goal for a 1-0 lead over the Chicago Fire during the first half in a MLS soccer match on Sunday, Oct 21, 2018, in Atlanta.

Associated Press

By **ANNE M. PETERSON**  
AP Sports Writer

Decision Day — the annual Major League Soccer ritual of scheduling the league's final regular-season games on the same day and at the same time — is probably going to be hardest on Real Salt Lake. And they're not even playing.

RSL's season ended last week with a 3-0 loss to the Timbers in Portland. That means the team's playoff fate is totally out of its hands. Instead, RSL players will be watching the Dynamo's match against the LA Galaxy and hoping that Houston comes out with a win or a tie on the road.

"It's not a good place to be," RSL's Kyle Beckerman said. "We're going to be the biggest Houston Dynamo fans there's ever been and we'll be rooting them on and hopefully they can help us out." RSL is the only Major League Soccer team that has to sit at home and watch decision day. For those that are

## MLS Decision Day craziness will set playoff picture

playing, there are still two playoff spots up for grabs, one in the Eastern Conference and one in the West. And most importantly, seeding for the MLS Cup Playoffs will be determined. Some of the things to watch Sunday:

**SUPPORTERS SHIELD:** The award for the regular-season points total is going to come down to the final weekend for Atlanta United and the New York Red Bulls.

Currently, United has a 1-point edge on the Red Bulls with 69 points. Atlanta visits Toronto FC on Sunday, while the Red Bulls host Orlando City.

Toronto, which won both the Supporters Shield and the MLS Cup final last season, has already been eliminated. Orlando is out, too. The Red Bulls will need to win and get help from To-

ronto with a win or a draw to secure the Shield. Atlanta just needs to win.

Both the Red Bulls and United broke the regular-season (post-shootout era) record for wins last weekend with 21 each.

**WEST'S FINAL SPOT:** If the Galaxy beat the Dynamo, they'll snatch that last playoff spot in the Western Conference from Real Salt Lake. And that would mean Zlatan Ibrahimovic will play in the MLS postseason for the first time — which could make for some drama.

If the Galaxy don't make the playoffs, it wouldn't be for lack of trying down the stretch. They've got three wins and a draw for their last four matches.

"I think our playoffs started five games ago because we needed to win to make it still possible to make the playoffs. □

## Accelerate tops entries for 14-horse Breeders' Cup Classic

By **GARY B. GRAVES**  
AP Sports Writer

The Breeders' Cup World Championships will have its biggest entry field along with a new race, which means plenty of story lines. Especially in its main event. Accelerate leads the 14-horse field for the Breeders' Cup Classic, which will offer the 5-year-old a rematch against West Coast in a marquee race that's missing unbeaten Triple Crown winner Justify. Horse racing's 13th Triple Crown champion, who was trained by Hall of Famer Bob Baffert, was retired with an ankle issue in July after winning all six career starts this year. Baffert's confirmed entries in the Classic are McKinzie and West Coast, whom Accelerate beat by 2 1/4 lengths last month at Santa Anita.

Monomoy Girl will seek another Grade 1 win at Louisville's Churchill Downs in the Breeders' Cup Dis-

taff. The filly has won eight of 10 starts, including the Kentucky Oaks in May at Churchill.

A record 221 horses were announced Wednesday for the 35th World Championships on Nov. 2-3. The 14-race schedule totaling a record \$30 million in purses includes the inaugural Juvenile Turf Sprint on that Friday, the 2nd.

The Distaff and Dirt Mile have been moved to Saturday's nine-race Cup card culminating with the Classic.

The Breeders' Cup entries include a record 51 foreign horses aiming to race at Churchill Downs, which will host for the record-tying ninth time. Irish trainer Aidan O'Brien has 18 entries, including 2017 Juvenile Turf champion Mendelssohn in the Classic. Coolmore Stud's 20 pre-entries are up six from last year.

Final entries and the post-position draw are Monday.

No matter which spot Accelerate starts from in the Classic, the quest will be capping his roll with another victory.

The John Sadler-trained colt has won five of six starts including his victory over West Coast, who can avenge that finish and improve on a third place in last year's Classic that helped him earn the Eclipse Award as top 3-year-old male.

However, Sadler likes the current performance of the California-based son of Lookin at Lucky.

"He's got a good style that he can stalk the speed; he doesn't have to be in front," Sadler said in a teleconference. "He'll get a good trip, no doubt. The other thing I'm comforted by is he is proven on an off track if we get rain."

As for Baffert, a Classic win would be his fourth in five years. Besides McKinzie, which won the Grade 1 Pennsylvania on Sept. 22,



In this March 10, 2018, file photo, provided by Benoit Photo, Accelerate, with Victor Espinoza aboard, wins the Santa Anita Handicap horse race at Santa Anita Park in Arcadia, Calif.

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the trainer has Collected among five horses just outside the 14-horse limit.

"We feel like he deserves a chance at the Classic," Baffert said. "I can't believe how many pre-entered. I was hoping to get Collected in there. He was a little late to the party, but he's doing well and working well."

Oscar Performance aims to defend his Cup Mile win

on turf in his third consecutive Breeders' Cup start. The 4-year-old is coming off a 1 1/2-length victory in the Woodbine Mile and has won two of three starts this year.

Five races for 2-year-olds highlight the Breeders' Cup first day as "Future Stars Friday." The \$1 million Turf Sprint is open to colts and fillies and will cover 5 1/2 furlongs. □



# Crosby dazzles in OT, lifts Penguins past Oilers 6-5

**By The Associated Press**  
**EDMONTON, Alberta (AP)** — Sidney Crosby made a slick move through two defenders, skated through the slot and lifted a backhand into the net at 2:12 of overtime to give the Pittsburgh Penguins a 6-5 victory over the Edmonton Oilers on Tuesday night.

Crosby opened the scoring in the first period and his second goal of the season was the winner. Crosby moved from the left boards, slipped the puck through a defender's legs, moved past Oilers goalie Cam Talbot and lifted a backhand shot over Talbot's glove for the win.

Jamie Oleksiak and Patric Hornqvist also had two-goal games for the Penguins, who have won two straight.

Leon Draisaitl and Alex Chiasson each scored twice, while Connor McDavid had the other for the Oilers (3-3-1), who lost their second straight.

Matt Murray had 41 saves in the win, while Talbot kicked out 25 shots in the loss.

**COYOTES 4, BLUE JACKETS 1 COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP)** — Christian Fischer got his first career hat trick, Darcy Kuemper stopped 35 shots and Arizona rallied to beat Columbus.

Fischer scored in all three periods to help the Coyotes beat Columbus for the first time in the last seven tries dating to 2015. Derek Stepan got the primary assist on all three.

Dylan Strome also scored for Arizona as backup Kuemper got his first win of the season in two starts.

Pierre Luc-Dubois scored and Sergei Bobrovsky had 22 saves in what was mostly a lackluster game for the Blue Jackets, even though they had 10 more shots on goal.

Columbus defenseman Seth Jones made his season debut after spraining a medial collateral ligament in his right knee on Sept. 25. He was expected to miss up to six weeks but made it back in less than a month. He logged four shots on goal.

**RANGERS 5, PANTHERS 2 NEW YORK (AP)** — Mats Zuccarello and Mika Zibanejad each scored twice and New York snapped a two-game losing streak.

Kevin Hayes also scored, Neal Pionk added two assists and Alexandar Georgiev made 36 saves for New York, which collected its third win of the young season.

Vincent Trocheck and Mike Hoffman each scored their third goals of the season, and Jonathan Huberdeau had two assists for the Panthers, who fell to 1-3-3 despite holding the lead in each game.

Michael Hutchinson stopped 15 shots in his fourth game for Florida.

**CANADIENS 3, FLAMES 2 MONTREAL (AP)** — Jeff Petry and Jonathan Drouin each had a goal and an assist as Montreal won for the fourth



Edmonton Oilers' goaltender Cam Talbot (33) reacts as Pittsburgh Penguins' Sidney Crosby (87) scores during the first period of an NHL hockey game, Tuesday, Oct. 23, 2018 in Edmonton, Alberta.

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time in five games.

Brendan Gallagher also scored for the Canadiens, who have lost once in eight games this season. Carey Price made 21 saves and tied Patrick Roy for second place in team history for most wins by a goaltender with 289.

Michael Frolik and Elias Lindholm scored for the Flames, and David Rittich made 37 saves.

**BRUINS 4, SENATORS 1 OTTAWA, Ontario (AP)** — David Pastrnak had two goals and two assists, Patrice Bergeron added a goal and two assists for Boston.

The Bruins (5-2-2) snapped a three-game skid and beat the Senators for the second time this season. David Krejci scored his second of the season, and Tuukka Rask made 38 saves. Thomas Chabot scored the lone goal for the Senators (4-3-1), who saw their three-game winning streak end to wrap a season high

five-game homestand with a 3-2-0 record as they depart for a three-game trip Thursday.

Craig Anderson stopped 28 shots.

**STARS 4, KINGS 2**

**DALLAS (AP)** — Jason Spezza and John Klingberg each had a goal and an assist, and Dallas snapped a three-game losing streak. Blake Comeau and Tyler Pitlick scored their first goals of the season. Eight Dallas players had at least one point; Devin Shore finished with two assists. Ben Bishop made 31 saves for Dallas, which never trailed.

Anze Kopitar and Tyler Tofoli scored second-period goals for the Kings, who lost their fifth straight. Jonathan Quick stopped 19 shots for Los Angeles.

**BLACKHAWKS 3, DUCKS 1 CHICAGO (AP)** — Patrick Kane scored in the third period, Corey Crawford made 24 saves and Chicago handed Anaheim its third straight loss.

Brandon Saad also scored his first two goals of the season, helping Chicago improve to 1-1 on a three-game homestand.

Rickard Rakell scored for Anaheim, and John Gibson finished with 35 saves. The Ducks have just four goals during their slide.

**SHARKS 5, PREDATORS 4 NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP)** — Brent Burns scored with 2:52 remaining to cap a rally from a late two-goal deficit, and San Jose beat Nashville. The Sharks cooled off the NHL's hottest team, ending the Predators' five-game winning streak. Tomas Hertl, Timo Meier, Brenden Dillon, and Joe Pavelski also scored for the Sharks, who won their third straight.

Nashville's Viktor Arvidsson had two goals and one assist. Filip Forsberg and Craig Smith added goals.

San Jose's Martin Jones had 25 saves. The Predators' Juuse Saros finished with 27 saves. □

## Bolt excluded from Mariners practice until contract resolved

**GOSFORD, Australia (AP)** — Usain Bolt has been excluded from team practice with the Central Coast Mariners after his management rejected a contract offer.

The eight-time Olympic gold medalist has been on an indefinite trial period with the A-League club

since August in a bid to become a professional football player.

He scored two goals in a trial game but wasn't included in the squad for the A-League season opener last weekend, when Central Coast had a 1-1 draw in Brisbane.

Mariners coach Mike

Mulvey said he wasn't aware the club had made an offer to Bolt.

The Mariners are in talks with Bolt's agent, Ricky Simms, but have said "without the financial contribution of an external third-party, it is unlikely that Usain Bolt and the Central Coast Mariners will agree to terms."

"To ensure that there is no distraction to the A-League squad in preparing for this weekend's match vs. Melbourne City, Usain Bolt will not attend team training this week, until and if, the club and Usain Bolt can agree to terms and formalize an arrangement," the Mariners said in a

statement Tuesday.

No details of the offers were confirmed.

The 32-year-old Bolt retired from competitive track and field last year and has since explored options in Germany, South Africa, Norway, and Australia to gain a professional soccer contract. □



# Rams still top AP Pro32 poll; Patriots, Chiefs tied at No. 2

By SIMMI BUTTAR

AP Sports Writer

**NEW YORK (AP)** — The Los Angeles Rams are in seventh heaven.

The Rams (7-0) remain the league's only unbeaten team after a 39-10 rout of the San Francisco 49ers.

They will look to stay unbeaten when they host Aaron Rodgers and the Green Bay Packers on Sunday.

And the Rams are the unanimous top team in the latest AP Pro32 poll for the fifth consecutive week. They received all 12 first-place votes and 384 points in balloting Tuesday by media members who regularly cover the NFL.

"With (running back) Todd Gurley and (defensive lineman) Aaron Donald doing the dirty work, the league's only unbeaten team is blessed with superstars on both sides of the ball," said Ira Kaufman of Fox 13 in Tampa, Florida.

The New England Patriots and Kansas City Chiefs are tied for second with 365 points. The Patriots (5-2) have won four in a row and are back on top of the AFC East. They will close out Week 8 when they head to Buffalo to take on the Bills on "Monday Night Football." New England has won 31 of its past 35 meetings with the division rival.

The Chiefs (6-1) have the AFC's best record and rebounded in a big way from their only loss with a 45-10 rout of Cincinnati.

"They call him 'Showtime,' and Patrick Mahomes continues to live up to the nickname with yet another spectacular showing in a four-touchdown performance against the Bengals," Newsday's Bob Glauber said. "There may not be a defense capable of stopping him."

The Chiefs will face the

Broncos on Sunday for the second time this month. In the first matchup, the Chiefs rallied in the fourth quarter with two late touchdowns for a 27-23 win. It's their closest margin of victory in a game this season.

The New Orleans Saints and Minnesota Vikings are next at Nos. 4 and 5. The first-place NFC teams will meet on Sunday night in one of the top matchups of Week 8.

The Los Angeles Chargers slipped a spot to No. 6 after holding on for a 20-19 win over the Titans in London when Tennessee coach Mike Vrabel went for a 2-point conversion instead of attempting a game-tying PAT.

There was another tie in the top 10 as Pittsburgh and Carolina are both No. 7. The Steelers (3-2-1) lead the AFC North after their bye week and will face Cleveland on Sunday for the second time this season.

Also Sunday, the Panthers will host the Baltimore Ravens, who slipped three spots to No. 9 after losing 24-23 to the Saints when Justin Tucker missed a game-tying PAT in the final minute. Tucker had been 222 for 222 on PATs since turning pro in 2012.

"I feel like I cost us the game," he said Sunday night. "Every single one of my teammates thus far has told me the opposite, and no one play wins or loses a game. But that's a tough thing to grapple with when you're the guy in that situation at the end of the game."

Washington (4-2) jumped six spots to round out the top 10. The Redskins were the beneficiary of a missed kick against Dallas. Matt Baer's 52-yard attempt hit the left upright as time expired in Washington's 20-17 win. □



Los Angeles Rams defensive tackle Aaron Donald, left, celebrates with defensive tackle Michael Brockers (90) during the second half of an NFL football game against the San Francisco 49ers in Santa Clara, Calif., Sunday, Oct. 21, 2018.

Associated Press

## AP source: Giants trade Harrison to Lions for 5th-round pick



In this June 12, 2018, file photo, New York Giants defensive tackle Damon Harrison talks to reporters in East Rutherford, N.J.

Associated Press

By TOM CANAVAN

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J.

**(AP)** — The New York Giants are trading star defensive tackle Damon "Snacks" Harrison to the Detroit Lions, a person with knowledge of the deal told The Associated Press. The Giants will receive a fifth-round draft pick in 2019 for the stalwart in the middle of the defensive line, according to the person, who spoke to the AP on condition of anonymity Wednesday because the deal has not been announced.

"I'm not going to comment on any situation that is not official or not complete,"

Detroit coach Matt Patricia said Wednesday. "There's a process that is involved in all this. We have spoken to the Giants. That is true."

ESPN was the first to report the trade, which comes less than a week before the league's trading deadline at 4 p.m. Tuesday.

The trade is the second for the Giants (1-6) in less than 24 hours and indicates the organization is cleaning house after four wins in the past 23 regular-season games. New York sent cornerback Eli Apple, a 2016 first-round selection, to New Orleans for two picks on Tuesday.

Last week, it waived offensive tackle Ereck Flowers, a 2015 first-round pick.

Harrison joined the Giants as a free agent in 2016, signing a five-year, \$46 million contract. He was selected as an AP Pro in helping them make the playoffs in 2016. The seven-year veteran never missed a game in his 2½ years, starting 39 times. He had 31 tackles and a forced fumble this season.

The Lions (3-3) have one of the NFL's worst run defenses. The line has been without end Ziggy Ansah most of the season. Former Giant Romeo Okwara has been in the rotation at end for Detroit.

Detroit hosts Seattle (3-3) on Sunday and Seahawks coach Pete Carroll said Harrison is a great addition for the Lions.

"Tell him to take his time getting there," Carroll said. Second-year pro Dalvin Tomlinson and rookie B.J. Hill will handle the Giants' tackle spots, backed up by veterans Josh Mauro and John Jenkins. Rookie RJ McIntosh has started practicing after spending the season on the non-football injury list. □





# iPhone XR makes the right trade-offs for a cheaper price

By ANICK JESDANUN

AP Technology Writer

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Apple offers you a simple trade-off with its new iPhone XR, the middlebrow cousin to the top-of-the-line iPhone XS.

On one hand, the XR lacks the high-resolution screen and dual-lens camera found on the XS. On the other, you'd save at least \$250 and still get most of the other cutting-edge features found on the more expensive model.

Based on several days of testing, it looks like Apple made the right cost-cutting trade-offs with the XR, which starts selling Friday for about \$750. The standard XS starts at about \$1,000; its supersized cousin, the XS Max, goes for \$100 more.

The XR falls between the XS and the Max in size. Its screen is about 7 percent larger than the XS and 12 percent smaller than the Max. But the XR is closer in width to larger Phones such as the Max and older Plus models, so anyone upgrading from an iPhone 7 or 8 will have to get used to a new grip.

As with the XS, the XR's display extends close to the phone's edges, translating to 45 percent more screen space than the iPhone 8 and 6 percent more than the 8 Plus. The XR and the XS both use facial recognition to unlock the phone, and both have a notch at the top for sensors, similar



This Monday, Oct. 22, 2018, photo shows from left, the iPhone XS, iPhone XR, and the iPhone XS Max in New York. The XR falls between the top-of-the-line XS models in size, but is lower in price.

Associated Press

to shades on a car's windshield. The notch will take getting used to.

Speaker quality on the XR and the XS were comparable, and the mics on all new models offer stereo recording for the first time.

The phone displays, however, are different, and those disparities can make a difference. The screens on both XS models have better contrast and more vibrant colors than the standard LCD screen on the XR. Autumn leaves in the cartoon "The Secret Lives of Pets" stand out more, while greater hints of orange appeared in a space drama's rocket exhaust flames. Whites are whiter, making

the screen appear brighter even though it's not.

The XR screen also falls short of full high definition, unlike the XS displays, although it can display video at 720p quality. Apple says that with LCD screens, higher resolution drains the battery faster, a trade-off that's minimal with the XS because its screen doesn't need a backlight.

That said, the differences are often hard to spot, even with the phones side by side. Where quality really matters, you'll probably want a bigger screen such as a tablet or a TV anyway. Although the Max has the largest battery in an iPhone, the XR was typically on par

with or exceeded the Max in battery performance when viewing video, at least at lower or medium brightness. In any case, either phone should give you enough battery life for routine use. Cameras improve with each generation, and the new iPhones are no different. For many shots, the new iPhones blend four exposures rather than two, allowing for better lighting balance and more detail. In some shots taken in suboptimal conditions — against direct sunlight — the XR still showed trees in dimly lit areas, while last year's iPhone X produced pitch black. The new cameras also have better focus

and low-light capabilities.

What's missing in the XR is a second rear lens for double the magnification. Instead, the XR uses software zoom, which reduces quality. Of course, the standard iPhone 7 and 8 didn't have a second lens either, although their Plus models did, as did the iPhone X. Both XS models also have two lenses. Despite lacking a second lens, the XR lets you blur backgrounds in some shots, a feature many phones are now getting. The XR does this with software, though it works only with people in the foreground, while the XS can do statues and monuments. Two more points of comparison. The XS has slightly better water resistance — good to a depth of 2 meters (2.2 yards), compared with just 1 meter on the XR. But the XR offers a budget storage-upgrade option: \$50 for 128 gigabytes (up from 64 gigabytes in the base model). Both XS phones also start at 64 gigabytes, but their cheapest upgrade is \$150 for 256 gigabytes.

The only knock is the XR's size. Though it's fine for people with adequate pockets or bags, not everyone wants a phone that's nearly as wide as the Max or the Plus. Perhaps Apple will one day design a smaller XR and revive a trend of offering both standard and larger versions for each major model. □



In this Aug. 17, 2018, file photo Atlanta Falcons staff uses a Microsoft Surface during the second half of an NFL preseason football game between the Atlanta Falcons and the Kansas City Chiefs in Atlanta.

Associated Press

## Microsoft's fiscal 1Q shines with help from new bright spots

**REDMOND, Wash. (AP)** — Microsoft Corp.'s expansion beyond its empire in personal computer software paid off again in its fiscal first quarter as it mined new revenue sources in online subscriptions, gaming and its LinkedIn professional networking service.

The Redmond, Washington, maker of Windows and Office software said Wednesday that it earned \$8.8 billion during the three months ending in September,

a 34 percent increase from last year.

Earnings per share came in at \$1.14 to top the average estimate of 96 cents per share among analysts surveyed by Zacks Investment Research.

Revenue rose 19 percent from last year to \$29.1 billion, also easily topping the average analyst prediction of \$27.7 billion, according to Zacks.

The results announced late Wednesday lifted

Microsoft's stock by 2.3 percent to \$104.70 in extended trading, setting up the company to regain a chunk of what it lost earlier in the day in a broad sell-off of technology stocks.

Most significantly, Microsoft has been selling subscriptions that provide access to its software programs over internet connections so customers can use the software on any device, including smartphones and tablets. □



# US stocks slide as traders weigh earnings; oil rises

By **ALEX VEIGA**  
**Associated Press**

U.S. stocks were sharply lower in afternoon trading Wednesday, extending a losing streak for the benchmark S&P 500 index to a sixth day. Technology stocks, banks and media and communications companies accounted for most of the selling. Disappointing quarterly results and outlooks weighed on the market, stoking investors' jitters over future growth in corporate profits. Bond prices continued to rise, sending yields lower.

**KEEPING SCORE:** The S&P 500 fell 39 points, or 1.4 percent, to 2,701 as of 1:52 p.m. Eastern Time. The Dow Jones Industrial Average lost 197 points, or 0.8 percent, to 24,994. The tech-heavy Nasdaq slid 171 points, or 2.3 percent, to 7,266. The Russell 2000 index of smaller-company stocks gave up 29 points, or 1.9 percent, to 1,497.

**THE QUOTE:** "You've seen more discouraging (company) commentary this quarter than you have the last two," said Tom Martin, senior portfolio manager with Globalt Investments. "You're really starting to get



Specialist Peter Mazza, left, and trader Anthony Carannante work on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange, Wednesday, Oct. 24, 2018.

Associated Press

more of a groundswell of caution. There's some concern about the fourth quarter and what that's going to look like."

**EARNINGS SPREE:** Investors were weighing the latest batch of company results in the busiest week of the quarterly earnings calendar. While S&P 500 companies are expected to deliver 21.9 percent earnings growth for the third quarter,

according to S&P Global Market Intelligence, investors are concerned about future growth amid rising inflation, interest rates and uncertainty over trade. Some companies, including Caterpillar and 3M, have reported disappointing results and warned of rising costs related to tariffs related to the U.S.-China trade dispute. Among the big companies slated to

release quarterly results this week are Microsoft, Amazon and Colgate-Palmolive.

**TECH AND MEDIA SLUMP:** Technology consulting company DXC Technology led the tech-sector slide, plunging 17.2 percent to \$72.49. AT&T was among the big decliners in the media and communications sector, losing 6 percent to \$31.06 after the communi-

cation giant's latest quarterly results fell short of Wall Street's expectations.

**TARIFFS TROUBLE:** Shares in iRobot gave up 10.7 percent to \$82 percent after the robotics technology company said tariffs will reduce its profitability in the fourth quarter.

**DOES NOT COMPUTE:** Texas Instruments fell 4 percent to \$96.20 after the chipmaker delivered quarterly results that fell short of Wall Street's forecasts, noting that demand across most markets is slowing.

**BOTCHED DELIVERY:** United Parcel Service slid 3.1 percent to \$110.74 after the shipping company reported weak international revenue, while the strong dollar and high fuel prices also hurt its results.

**HOUSING SKID:** The Commerce Department said sales of new U.S. homes plunged 5.5 percent in September, the fourth monthly drop. The report is the latest sign that the housing market is cooling amid rising mortgage rates. Several homebuilders declined following the release of the report. Beazer Homes USA slumped 5 percent to \$8.75. □

# US new-home sales slump for 4th straight month

By **JOSH BOAK**  
**Associated Press**

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Sales of new U.S. homes plunged 5.5 percent in September, the fourth straight monthly drop as the housing market cools with mortgage rates rising.

The Commerce Department said Wednesday that newly built homes sold at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 553,000 last month. New-home sales in August were downwardly revised, erasing the previously reported gain. The annual rate of home sales has dropped 15.3 percent since May, eliminating much of the strength in sales from the first five months of 2018.

Builders had assumed that a stronger economy would

push up sales, yet a greater share of new construction is going unpurchased. There is 7.1 months' supply of new homes on the market, the highest level since March 2011 when the real estate bust caused by subprime mortgages was still weighing on the economy.

Housing has found itself in a downturn in recent months despite the unemployment rate falling to a nearly half-century low of 3.7 percent. The National Association of Realtors said last week that existing-home sales — the largest share of the market — had plummeted 3.4 percent in September to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 5.15 million.

The major culprit for the decline in homebuying appears to be higher borrow-

ing costs.

Average 30-year mortgage rates have climbed to 4.85 percent from 3.88 percent a year ago, according to mortgage buyer Freddie Mac. Increasing interest rates can make homeowners less likely to upgrade to a new property if it requires them to spend more each month on repaying a home loan.

The new-home sales report is volatile on a monthly basis. But the declines in September were sharpest in the Northeast and West, the two most expensive housing markets. New-home sales slipped in the south and increased in the Midwest.

The average sales price has slumped 0.6 percent from a year ago to \$377,200.



In this June 27, 2018, file photo, a sold sign stands in front of a home under construction in West Des Moines, Iowa.

Associated Press



Bubali 143, in front of SuperFood Plaza Mall



## Mutts



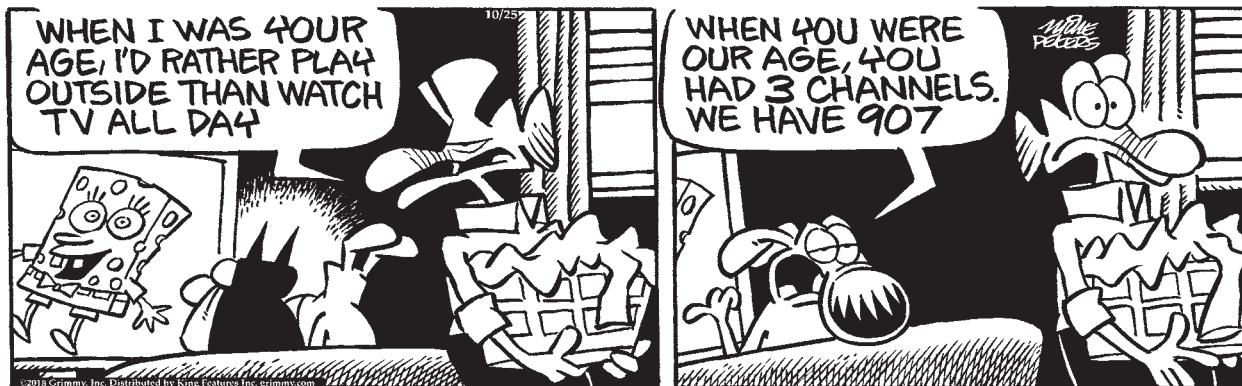
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## Blondie



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## Zits



## Conceptis Sudoku

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Difficulty Level ★★★

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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

Yesterday's puzzle answer

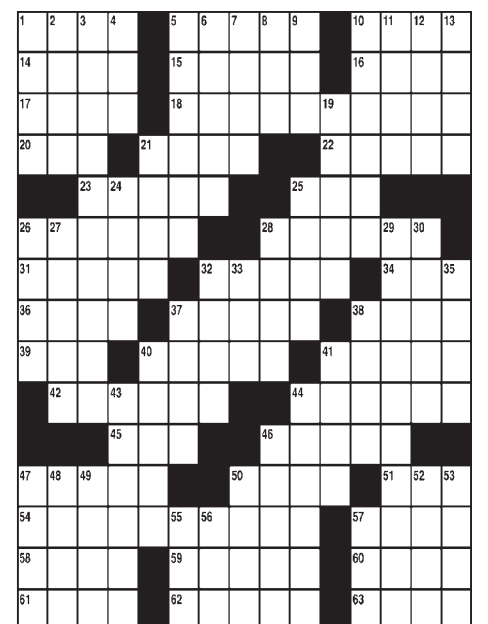
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6	8	5	9	4	2	7	1	3
2	3	9	8	7	1	5	4	6
3	2	7	4	1	6	8	9	5
1	9	8	2	5	3	6	7	4
5	6	4	7	8	9	1	3	2

## ACROSS

- Military installation
- Swats
- Up to the task
- Rainbows
- Permitted
- Boring event
- Mark Harmon TV series
- The whole kit and caboodle
- That woman
- Unwanted plant
- Pays attention to
- Unsuspecting
- Forest tree
- Fully ripe
- Vocation
- Similar
- Kilt pattern
- Dyer's tub
- Feminine title
- Barbecue
- Actress Behrs
- like; pretend to be
- Fleeing
- Shriver or Bello
- Respect highly
- Deep narrow valley
- Uncooked
- Strong fibrous tissue
- Love, in Paris
- Dinner beverage
- Big pig
- for; enrolled in
- Boyfriend
- Milky Way maker
- Tiny fruit
- Painting and dancing
- Part of a flower
- Run; chase
- Examination

## DOWN

- Forbids
- Eyebrow shape
- Biologists & chemists
- Suffix for murder or heir
- Part of a coat
- Water barrier
- Elderly
- Up to; normal
- Underhanded
- Cling
- Cheese from France
- Come to shore
- Breakfast order
- prize; bronze medal
- Metal thread
- Diving birds
- Get an "F"
- Family member
- Linda Lavin role
- Baby cow
- "Here, There and"; Beatles hit
- Numerical comparison
- Stiffly proper
- Fib
- Other; besides
- Got bigger



Created by Jacqueline E. Mathews

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## Wednesday's Puzzle Solved

HUE	SOCKS	BRAD
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NFL	ELOPE	ASSES
EGYPT	GIT	
CHALET	LOSSES	
OASIS	GOOEY	UPA
STAB	VENUS	SCAT
TEN	CITES	SWARM
STALLS	STALKS	
LEE	SHINY	
TRALA	POWER	PHI
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- Cause of misery
- Villain
- Chicago team
- Judge's order
- Lion's neck hair
- Barn dinner
- Obvious fact
- Powerful wind
- Hot ash
- "Ode" fragment
- 55 "Ode" fragment
- Sitting device
- Tiny folklore fellow
- Up in; irate
- Veal or venison
- Cave dweller





In this Oct. 13, 2005, photo Jeffrey Ansted, founder of American Broadband and Telecommunications, poses for a photo.  
Associated Press

## FCC: Company created fake accounts, misused funds to buy jet

TOLEDO, Ohio (AP) — A telecommunications company faces a potential \$63 million fine for misusing government money meant to help low-income people get phone and internet service and instead spending it on a yacht and private jet, federal regulators said. The Federal Communications Commission accused Toledo-based American Broadband and Telecommunications Co. of creating fake accounts by using the identities of dead people and manipulating the information from existing customers to get government reimbursements. The company's founder, Jeffrey Ansted, used the money to buy country club memberships, a Ferrari

convertible, a Florida condominium and an \$8 million Cessna jet, the FCC said. Ansted said in a statement that the company told the FCC more than two years ago about "significant administrative compliance and reporting issues" and has repaid nearly all of the money. The proposed fine announced Tuesday was a surprise, he said, because the company had been working with the FCC and provided an independent auditor's assessment and other data. The funds at issue came from the Lifeline program that discounts phone and internet service for about 12.5 million people nationwide. □



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# Science Says: Sex and gender aren't the same

By LAURAN NEERGAARD

AP Medical Writer

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Anatomy at birth may prompt a check in the "male" or "female" box on the birth certificate — but to doctors and scientists, sex and gender aren't always the same thing.

The Trump administration purportedly is considering defining gender as determined by sex organs at birth, which if adopted could deny certain civil rights protections to an estimated 1.4 million transgender Americans.

But variation in gender identity is a normal part of human diversity, the American Academy of Pediatrics, or AAP, stresses in a new policy that outlines how to provide supportive medical care for transgender youth.

Here are some questions and answers about what can be sometimes blurry lines.

**Q:** Aren't sex and gender interchangeable terms?



The National Center for Transgender Equality, NCTE, and the Human Rights Campaign gather on Pennsylvania Avenue in front of the White House in Washington, Monday, Oct. 22, 2018, for a #WontBeErased rally.

Associated Press

**A:** Sex typically refers to anatomy while "gender goes beyond biology," says Dr. Jason Rafferty, a pediatrician and child psychiatrist at Hasbro Children's Hospital in Rhode Island, and

lead author of the AAP's transgender policy. Gender identity is more an inner sense of being male, female or somewhere in between — regardless of physical anatomy, he ex-

plained. It may be influenced by genetics and other factors, but it's more about the brain than the sex organs.

And transgender is a term accepted across science

and medical groups to mean people whose gender identity doesn't match what Rafferty calls their "sex assigned at birth."

**Q:** How early can people tell if they're transgender?

**A:** It's normal for children to explore in ways that ignore stereotypes of masculinity and femininity. Rafferty says it's whether those feelings and actions remain consistent over time that tells. Sometimes that happens at a young age, while for others it may be adolescence or beyond.

Regardless, the pediatricians' policy calls for "gender-affirmative" care so that children have a safe, nonjudgmental and supportive avenue to explore their gender questions.

**Q:** What kind of care might they need?

**A:** Transgender people of all ages are more likely to be bullied and stigmatized, which can spur anxiety and depression and put them at increased risk for suicide attempts. □

## Snake names honor Darwin, fire god, Louisiana professor

By JANET McCONNAUGHEY

NEW ORLEANS (AP)

— A Louisiana professor is in heady company, honored by having one of three newly identified species of snakes from the Galapagos Islands named after him.

"They named one after Charles Darwin — that's a no-brainer — and one after the Greek god of fire, and one after me, of all people," said Robert A. Thomas, an environmental biologist and head of the Center for Environmental Communication at Loyola University New Orleans.

The snake in question, a handsome critter with



This undated photo provided by Miguel Trefaut Rodrigues shows a snake named in honor of environmental biologist Bob Thomas.

Associated Press

lengthwise brown and creamy yellow stripes, is called *Pseudalsophis thom-*

*asi* (sood-al-SO-fis TOM-uhs-eye).

"I've got a picture of it taped up here in the office, and it makes me smile every time I look at it," Thomas said.

He's been studying snakes since the 1970s and began studying those in the Galapagos Islands in 1984. In 1997, he published an overview of Galapagos snakes based on features such as scale counts, patterns and

other shapes and forms.

A team of Brazilian and Ecuadorian biologists led by Dr. Hussam Zaher of the Universidad de Sao Paulo used genetic analysis to re-study the snakes and work out their evolutionary route through the chain of islands. That study identified the three new species. In addition to *Pseudalsophis thomasi*, they are *Pseudalsophis hephaestus*, for the island chain's volcanic origins; and *Pseudalsophis darwini*, for the scientist whose theory of evolution grew out of a voyage through the Galapagos.

Their findings were published online Aug. 22 by the journal *Systematics and Biodiversity*, and on Sept. 3 in the Brazilian journal *Pesquisa*.

The scientists invited Thomas to join the team five years ago. He shared the information he had collected and got more from U.S. museums. Then the others told him they wanted to

name one of the new species after him, to honor his work studying the islands' snakes.

"I had to drop off the paper. The rules are that you cannot be an author on a paper where something is named after you," Thomas said. "I thought about it deeply and decided there are just some fun honors you shouldn't pass up in life. This is one of them."

Thomas said the species is mildly venomous but not dangerous to people — only to lizards and other small animals. The one used for the species' formal description was 726 millimeters (about 28.6 inches) long and weighed 105 grams (3.7 ounces). Thomas said he has photos of the snake that he took in 1984, not knowing it was a different species. They weren't very good, he said, because the snake was wriggling, but they did let him describe the belly scales and back pattern. □

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# 'Hunter Killer' is a submarine movie on steroids

By LINDSEY BAHR  
Associated Press

There are so many good movies in theaters right now — thoughtful, artistic, well-acted and well-told movies that studios preciously save for this time of year with the distant hope of Oscar gold in their future. The Gerard Butler submarine movie "Hunter Killer" is not one of those movies — it is bombastic and garish, ridden with clichés, preposterous politics and diplomacy, and frenetic, video game energy. And it so often so unintentionally silly that it's actually kind of a fun watch.

"Das Boot" this is not, nor is it "The Hunt for Red October," but you probably already knew that from name at the top of the marquee. In Gerard Butler parlance, "Hunter Killer" is the "London Has Fallen" of submarine movies, genetically engineered in a lab to entrance the nation's dads in basic cable reruns for next 25 years. The film starts out confusingly. An American submarine is torpedoed by a Russian sub in Russian



This image released by Lionsgate shows Michael Nyqvist, left, and Gerard Butler in a scene from "Hunter Killer."

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waters, but back in the U.S., all they know is it's disappeared, and they've got to go find it. The man for the job, Rear Admiral John Fisk (Common) concludes, is Captain Joe Glass (Butler), who we're told is not like the other guys. He "never went to Annapolis." Why that makes him especially

qualified for this mission will basically remain a mystery, other than the fact that he'll readily disobey orders and go rogue at any opportunity. He's seen stuff, guys, and not in a Naval Academy classroom. We meet him in the middle of nowhere, in snowy terrain about to shoot a CGI buck

across a glassy lake with a bow and arrow. But then he looks to the right of the buck and sees its CGI family close by and decides to lower his weapon. This moment lets the audience know a few things: a) That Joe Glass has empathy and b) that this movie has no subtlety. The next thing

we know a military helicopter is swooping down to pick him up and take him to his sub.

Their mission gets even more puzzling, as a Russian sub hidden in the crevasse of an iceberg starts firing on them. Back in the U.S., NSA worker Jayne Norquist (Linda Cardellini, one of three women in this film), decides Fisk needs to send a ground team (Toby Stephens, Michael Trucco, Ryan McPartlin and Zane Holt) to Russia, which ends up feeling like a Peter Berg short film accidentally cut into a submarine movie. It all eventually comes together when they realize that there's been a coup on the Russian president, but why anyone makes any of these decisions prior to this is just baffling to say the least. Also no one seems to be able to communicate with anyone else, like when Captain Glass decides to save a Russian captain played by the late Michael Nyqvist, except in an extremely pivotal moment that makes you wonder why no one did this earlier. □



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## Josie Silver writes captivating love story

This cover image released by Broadway Books shows "One Day in December," a novel by Josie Silver.

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By LINCÉE RAY

"One Day in December" (Broadway Books), by Josie Silver

Author Josie Silver takes readers on a journey that spans 10 Christmas seasons, exploring what happens when true love is found —

and lost — in "One Day in December."

When Laurie spies a handsome young man out of a London bus window, she immediately believes in love at first sight. Too bad she doesn't have the nerve to make something happen before the driver leaves her mystery man staring at her through a blanket of holiday snowflakes.

Laurie adores spending time with her best friend and roommate Sarah. One of their favorite pastimes is visiting trendy bars in search of Laurie's long lost "Bus Boy." Sarah is determined to find this elusive man to make her friend's dreams come true. Laurie, on the other hand, thinks it's time to throw in the towel. She decides to mourn Bus Boy just in time for her joint Christmas party with Sarah. With festivities in full swing, Sarah is eager to introduce

her best friend to her new beau. When Laurie turns to meet Sarah's boyfriend, Jack, she locks eyes with the guy she fell head-over-heels in love with exactly a year earlier. Laurie quickly pulls her face into a warm smile and welcomes Jack into her life. Sarah can never know. Thanks to Laurie's reaction, Jack believes she doesn't recognize him from the bus station and that it's best for everyone involved. He's in love with Sarah and can easily be friends with the woman who took his breath away. Over the next several years, Laurie manages to squelch any feelings she may have toward Jack. She avoids him and begins to date other people in order to forget him. Yet the attraction remains. "One Day in December" is a captivating read, full of charming characters and relatable situations. □



# Soprano inspired by Puccini's Western hero

By **MIKE SILVERMAN**  
Associated Press

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Mimi dies of tuberculosis. Tosca leaps off a castle roof. Butterfly kills herself. But Minnie?

Unlike so many of Puccini's operatic women, the saloon-keeper heroine of "La Fanciulla del West (The Girl of the Golden West)" survives the final curtain, though she must leave behind her gold-miner friends to start a new life in exile with her true love.

It's a bittersweet ending to an opera that soprano Eva-Maria Westbroek said is "really about redemption and forgiveness. People often can't see past the cowboy thing and the little jokes, but it's very deep and very positive."

Westbroek portrays Minnie in the Metropolitan Opera's current revival, which will be broadcast live in HD to movie theaters worldwide on Saturday.

The Dutch soprano pointed to the scene in Act One when Minnie reads the miners a Bible lesson based on Psalm 51, in which David pleads for forgiveness after he has committed adul-

tery.

"She says to all these rough boys, 'You know that in every one of us there is this supreme love in our hearts and that's all that matters,'" Westbroek said. Later, when she cheats at poker to save the life of Dick Johnson, the bandit she loves, "she gives up her ideals, but I think she forgives herself."

Similarly, she forgives Johnson for having lied to her about his true identity. And in the final scene, the miners give up their plans to hang Johnson after she pleads for his life.

"She forgives everybody and they forgive her," she said.

No surprise that it's one of Westbroek's favorite roles, and she said that musically it's unique among Puccini's operas.

"There's nothing like it. The score is so brilliant, it's like entering a whole world," she said. "It feels very modern and very experimental and sort of impressionistic with its coloring and the amazing orchestration."

The role of Minnie is also famously difficult for sopranos — especially the frequent



This Sept. 28, 2018 photo released by the Metropolitan Opera shows soprano Eva-Maria Westbroek as the saloon keeper heroine Minnie in a scene from Puccini's "La Fanciulla del West" at the Metropolitan Opera in New York.

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leaps that she must make up to and around high C.

"Minnie is a nature girl, she's always outside," Westbroek said, "and apparently Puccini wanted to emphasize

this energy she has, how her vocal line just explodes into those high notes."

POKER, GUNS AND HORSES Minnie plays a game of poker to save Dick John-

son's life, fires guns at several points and makes a couple of entrances riding a horse. Has Westbroek's identification with the role led her to try any of these pursuits?

"I don't know anything about poker," she said. "They explained it to me, the whole thing. I love it in the opera, but card playing? It's not for me. Shooting a gun? Also not one of my goals in life."

But horseback riding? "Yes, it made me want to try it," she said. "As a child I always wanted to, but it was nothing we did in our family. Then I thought I was too old until I met someone else who started at a late age and they said, 'Just take it easy.' I'm a total beginner, but I'm loving it."

NAME THAT TUNE?

Puccini occasionally borrowed musical phrases from other sources when he was seeking authentic local color for his operas. In "Fanciulla" he used two excerpts from a collection of Zuni melodies for miner Jake Wallace's song about homesickness early in the opera. □

# Julia Roberts, Constance Wu celebrated at InStyle Awards

By **LINDSEY BAHR**  
Associated Press

**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — Julia Roberts was brought to tears by "Notting Hill" writer Richard Curtis, Jeff Goldblum showed off his socks and celebrated his 66th birthday with a cupcake, and Constance Wu spoke the power of representation Monday night at a glitzy soiree in Los Angeles. Stylists, designers and celebrities from Jennifer Aniston to Clare Waight Keller, who designed Meghan Markle's wedding gown, gathered at The Getty Center for drinks and dinner at the fourth annual InStyle Awards. The event celebrates those behind the scenes, like hairstylist Chris McMillan, who created "The Rachel," and makeup artist James Kaliardos, who counts Hillary Clinton and Rihanna as clients.



Julia Roberts arrives at the fourth annual InStyle Awards at The Getty Center on Monday, Oct. 22, 2018 in Los Angeles.

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While many of the speeches stayed light and breezy, Curtis, who was tasked with introducing Roberts, the evening's "style icon," recounted a story about when the actress discovered that his daughter was quite ill.

"She took off her Jimmy

Choo shoes that she was wearing to and gave them to us to give to our daughter," Curtis said. "I remember her wandering around Knightsbridge with no shoes on and I thought that is exactly the quintessence of who she is — completely gorgeous and completely

normal and human and modest at the same time." When Roberts took the stage, she said Curtis' intro had made her cry.

"Crazy Rich Asians" star Constance Wu was also given a special honor, the newly anointed "Bad(asterisk)(asterisk) Woman" award.

"I care about Asian-American representation and some people think my job is a little silly and it definitely can be sometimes, but it can also mean a lot. This past summer when I was doing my 'Crazy Rich Asians' press tour, I met so many Asian-American people who would come up to me in tears, telling me how much it meant to them to see an American movie that valued a story, a face, a culture that was like theirs," Wu said.

Goldblum took a more ir-

reverent route with his wide-ranging speech in accepting the "Man of Style" award in which he talked about everything from his wife's rhythmic gymnastics accomplishments and his own jazz piano playing to his zebra print socks and leopard print corduroys.

"A lot of what I'm credited with comes from the reflected elegance and grace that comes from being in any way associated with or near her," Goldblum said of his wife, Emilie. He went on to praise her skills as a mother.

"Now more than ever with our current situation we need women to save us and to conspicuously exhibit their power and leadership," he said.

Other attendees included Connie Britton, Awkwafina, Ellen Pompeo, Rebel Wilson and Chrissy Metz. □



# After making a hit, 'Making a Murderer' returns with more

By ALICIA RANCILIO

Associated Press

**NEW YORK (AP)** — The "Making a Murderer" filmmakers were in many ways in a race against the clock to make part two of their documentary series, now available on Netflix.

"We were in post-production from day one," said Moira Demos. "We were shooting and editing and shooting and editing and finding the story as we went."

The first "Making a Murderer" recounted the story of Steven Avery and his nephew, Brendan Dassey, who were convicted in the 2005 slaying of Wisconsin photographer Teresa Halbach. Avery and Dassey are serving life sentences in the killing.

Filming for the second season stopped in July and Demos and her co-director, Laura Ricciardi, only handed in the finished product to Netflix a few weeks ago. Much of what viewers will see in this new season is Steven Avery's attorney, Kathleen Zellner, go over the entire case with a fine tooth comb to piece together what may have happened



Filmmakers Moira Demos, left, and Laura Ricciardi talk during an interview, Friday, Oct. 19, 2018, in New York.

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to Halbach. She's meticulous with details and has multiple experts test various theories.

In an interview with The Associated Press, the filmmakers talked about how they handled the attention on their work, criticism from some viewers and what they hope ultimately will

come from the series.

AP: Was it hard to cover the continuation of this story, when "Making a Murderer" became a part of the story?

Demos: The attention on the case didn't really affect our process because for part two, in a lot of ways, it's the inverse of part one.

We're in the courtroom for four solid episodes of part one and what's going on in part two is these legal teams are fighting to just get into court. They would love to be in court to be arguing against the other side about the evidence but that's not a guarantee. So there's a lot of be-

hind the scenes, there's a lot of preparation, there's a lot of that is happening on private property or our filming with the family is on private property, so you know we weren't so much in the spotlight. We weren't out in public.

AP: Season one made such an impact that Ken Kratz (the former district attorney of Calumet county, Wisconsin, who prosecuted Avery and Dassey) and others received death threats. What do you say to that?

Ricciardi: It's obviously disappointing to hear negative or threatening or potentially violent reactions or responses that people had. ... Obviously we have no control over how people respond. To the extent that we hoped viewers would be engaged and perhaps have a passionate response, we were hoping that that response would be good. So there are lots of people who now recognize that there are flaws in the system. There's room for improvement so it would be nice if we focused on potential reforms or just keeping the dialogue going. □

# Bible Museum admits some of its Dead Sea Scrolls are fake

By ASHRAF KHALIL

Associated Press

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — When Washington's \$500 million Museum of the Bible held its grand opening in November 2017, attended by Vice President Mike Pence, there were questions even then about the authenticity of its centerpiece collection of Dead Sea Scrolls.

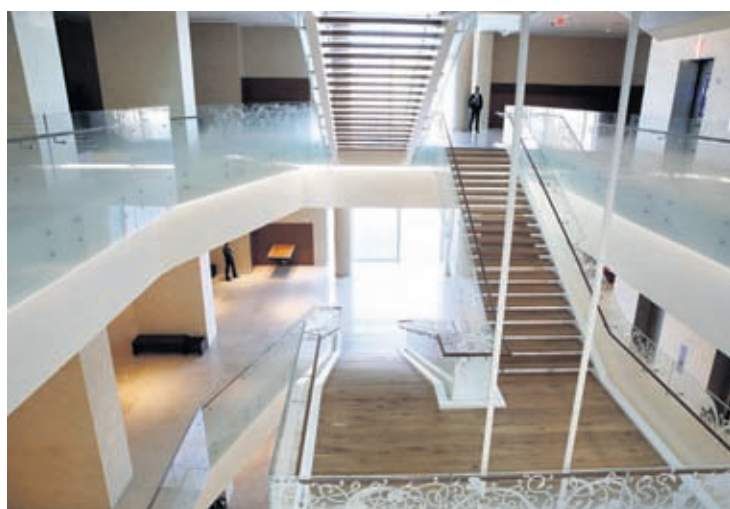
Now the museum has been forced to admit a painful truth: Technical analysis by a team of German scholars has revealed that at least five of the museum's 16 scroll fragments are apparent forgeries.

The announcement has serious implications not only for the Bible Museum but for other evangelical Christian individuals and institutions who paid top dollar for what now seems to be a massive case of archaeological fraud.

Jeffrey Kloha, chief curator for the Museum of the Bible, said in a statement that the revelation is "an opportunity to educate the public on the importance of verifying the authenticity of rare biblical artifacts, the elaborate testing process undertaken and our commitment to transparency."

The scrolls are a collection of ancient Jewish religious texts first discovered in the mid-1940s in caves on the western shore of the Dead Sea in what is now Israel. The massive cache of Hebrew documents is believed to date back to the days of Jesus. With more than 9,000 documents and 50,000 fragments, the entire collection took decades to fully excavate.

Most of the scrolls and fragments are tightly controlled by the Israeli Antiquities Authority. But around 2002, a



In this Oct. 30, 2017, file photo, security workers stand inside a large open stairwell area at the Museum of the Bible in Washington.

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wave of new fragments began mysteriously appearing on the market, despite skepticism from Biblical scholars.

These fragments, they warned, were specifically designed to target American evangelical Christians,

who prize the scrolls. That appears to be exactly what happened; a Baptist seminary in Texas and an evangelical college in California reportedly paid millions to purchase alleged pieces of the scrolls.

Also eagerly buying up

fragments was the Green family — evangelical Oklahoma billionaires who run the Hobby Lobby chain of craft stores and who famously sued the Obama administration on religious grounds, saying they didn't want to pay to provide their employees access to the morning-after pill or intrauterine devices.

The Greens are the primary backers of the Museum of the Bible and went on an archaeological acquisition spree in the years leading up to the museum's opening. In addition to the alleged Dead Sea Scrolls fragments, the Greens ran afoul of the Justice Department, which said they had acquired thousands of smuggled artifacts looted from Iraq and elsewhere. The family agreed last year to return those artifacts and pay a \$3 million fine. □



# Designing for dining: tablescapes from Napoleon til now

**NEW YORK (AP)** — From the age of Napoleon to Depression-era America and beyond, often-unsung designers have brought life to the dining-room table.

"I thought all tablecloths a bore — particularly white," wrote Marguerita Mergentime, who gained renown for her tablecloth designs during the Depression. "What people needed, I decided, was bold dashing color on the table, a new kind of design that you couldn't resist."

She was hardly alone in her quest to create "tablescapes" with a bit of pizzazz, according to a new exhibit at the Cooper Hewitt Smithsonian Design Museum that explores the impact of design on the rituals and customs of dining. "Tablescapes: Designs for Dining" opened Oct. 5 and will remain on view through April 14, 2019.

The highlight of the show is an elaborate "surtout de table" centerpiece designed for Napoleon Bonaparte, who is believed to have commissioned it as a wedding gift for his stepson. On view for the first time in 30 years and newly conserved, it exemplifies how dining at the highest levels of wealth and power in 19th century France was a theatrical performance, bringing architecture to the tabletop in elaborate vessels for food.

At the opposite end of the design spectrum are Mergentime's casual, Depression-era table linens,



This photo provided by the Cooper Hewitt, Smithsonian Design Museum, shows an installation view of the exhibit "Tablescapes: Designs for Dining," which runs through April 14, 2019, at the museum in New York.

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featuring bold colors and a fascination with typography and American history. Then there's a futuristic work commissioned by 2017 National Design Award winners Joe Doucet and Mary Ping that envisions a tabletop in a world where population growth has put a premium on space in kitchens and dining areas, and sustainability is crucial.

"From awe-inspiring grandeur to vernacular wit to an emphasis on sustainabil-

ity, the exhibition provokes a spirited conversation around design's role in the evolution of a universal ritual," says Caroline Baumann, director of the museum. Matilda McQuaid, deputy curatorial director, adds, "We wanted to show how much has changed over time, but also how some aspects have stayed the same."

The show, divided into three galleries, begins with Doucet and Ping's work, "The Concentric and Decentric Tables and Seating."

The moveable structure features two Lazy Susans and built-in stools that can be folded in to seat a small group, or expanded out to accommodate eight people. The terrazzo-patterned surface, reminiscent of stone, is made from recycled food packaging. A close look reveals tiny bits of the Starbucks logo among the tight swirls of gray and green. On the amoeba-shaped dining surfaces, Doucet designed sleek, multi-functional dishes meant to go directly

from stovetop to tabletop to fridge, along with a sleek set of cutlery (including matching chopsticks). All his pieces are 3-D-printed for greater customization. "The future doesn't have to be dystopian," says Ping. In the next gallery is the French centerpiece, created in 1805 by Pierre-Philippe Thomire, a Parisian sculptor known for creating gilt-bronze objects. Made in sections to accommodate a variety of table sizes, the

centerpiece is raised slightly above the dining surface and covered in gold with a mirrored base. It resembles a sort of Versailles garden for the table, complete with elegant statuettes and fountain-like towers meant to hold beautifully arranged treats.

The mirrored plateau and gilt-bronze surfaces would have reflected candlelight, and an actual audience seated alongside the table watched as diners ate. The centerpiece is put in context by other works in the gallery, including a drawing of a late 18th century centerpiece inspired by the ruins of Pompeii, and an ornate, blackened bronze clock of the era.

The exhibit then shifts toward equally exuberant but decidedly more humble table decor with Mergentime's work. The American designer is best known for her bright modernist tablecloths and napkins from 1934 until her death in 1941. They were highlighted in popular magazines of the time and sold in upscale department stores.

"They are really about the communal side of dining, and many of them are designed to be conversation starters," says McQuaid. Stylish and witty, many of Mergentime's pieces feature quizzes or other conversation starters. The 1939 tablecloth "Food Quiz," for example, includes the printed phrase: "Do you dish the dirt before you dish the soup?"



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